Arab League says Saleh rejects ceasefire

CAIRO (R) — Arab League mediators returning from Yemen said on Tuesday northern leader Ali Abdullah Saleh had rejected their calls for a ceasefire in the two-week civil war and insisted his southern rivals surrender. The League's Assistant Secretary-General Mohammad Said Ai Berequar told reporters on his return from Sanaa that Mr. Saleh opposed any ceasefire which allowed his southern opponents to regroup and reinforce their armies. "He said it ws not possible to have a ceasefire unless the other side does not exploit (it) to regroup its a ceasetire unless the other side does not expend to the four-day forces," said Mr. Berequar, who led the delegation on its four-day visit. He said Mr. Saleh also demanded the surreoder of southern leader Ali Salem Al Beidh and seven of his senior officials. Mr. Berequar's delegation had been unable to visit southern Yemeo during their four-day visit because of the fierce fighting which has raged since war broke out on May 4. The team met Deputy Prime Minister Abdel Wahab Al Ounsi and northern Presidential Council member Abdul Aziz Abdul Ghani late on Sunday and reiterated the need for a ceaselire.

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TUNISIA (R) — Algeria's leadership named a new chiefof-staff of paramilitary gendarmes on Tuesday and appointed two aides to the defence minister. Lieutenant-Colonel Lakadar Atig was appointed chief-of-staff of the gendarmes, mainstay against the 30-month campaign hy Muslims seeking to topple the army-backed government and arm the North African nation into Islamist state. A statement from the office of President Liamine Zeroual also said that Major-General Tayeh Berradji and Major-General Abdelmajid Taright had been named councillors to Mr. Zeroual in his capacity as defence minis-ter. Meanwhile Algerian security forces killed 20 armed Islamic extremists in several operations in three days, security officials said here Tuesday. Seven of the guerrillas were killed in attacks in Algiers and its suburbs on Saturday and Sunday, while the remainder lost their lives in the east and sonthwest of the country on Sunday and Monday.

PLO security chief leaves for Jericho

ALLENBY BRIDGE (R) -The PLO's security chief for the West Bank crossed the Jordan River on Tuesday after Israeli officials blocked his passage to Jericho for several hours, witnesses said. Jihril Al Rajoub, PLO leader Yasser Arafat's adviser for the occupied territories and internal security chief for the West Bank, finally crossed the Allenby Bridge with nearly 20 officers after Israeli bridge officials initially turned them back. Mr. Rajouh, 41, who spent 17 years in Israeli jails and six years in exile in Tunis, arrived from Tunis on Mon

Athens suffocates under poliution

ATHENS (AFP) — A thick cloud of pollution hung over the Greek capital Tuesday for the second day runniog, sending 160 people to hospital while residents ignored government pleas to leave cars at home. Coupled with weather home. Coupled with weather hitting 30 degrees Celsius (85 degrees Fahrenheit), levels of ozone and other toxic gasses soared well above danger limits. By midday, 160 people had been rushed to emergency rooms with heart and respiratory trouble or fainting.

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LIBREVILLE (AFP) - About 50 would-be illegal immigrants drowned overnight in a shipwreck off the Gabonese coast near Cape Esterias as they sought to make their way into the country, police said Tuesday. Paramilitary police and firemen went Tuesday to rescue survivors from the disaster, who were thought to be of West African origin, but the precise number and nanonalities of the victims was not clear. Early in Fehruary, 67 illegal immigrants, mainly Ghanaians and Nigerians, died in their crowded cell at a paramilitary police base in Lihreville, sparkiog an international protest and a Gabonesc government enquiry.

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MOSCOW (AFP) — The commander-in-chief of Russia's Pacific Fleet was dismissed Tuesday for "serious deficiencies" in his management of the fleet, following an explosion at a military depot in the Far East, the Russian Defence Ministry said. Admiral George Gurinov's removal followed an explosion Saturday of a bomh depot in the region of the Far Eastern port of Vladivostok. which left no casualties hut caused considerable damage. Mr. Gurinov was fired by presidential decree, which reproached him for not personally taking part in operations that followed the explosion.

Palestinians take over civil rule in autonomous Gaza, Jericho areas

PLO urges Gazans to end the bloodshed

GAZA STRIP (Agencies) Israel signed over control of daily administration of Gaza and Jericho to Palestinians on Tuesday after 27 years of Israeli rulc.

Brigadier Dov Gazit and Palestinian negotiator Freij Al Kheiri signed the handover documents in a brief ceremony transferring control of the Israeli-run civil administration's 38 departments to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) in the two areas.

"Our joh now is to make life easier for our citizens," Zakaria El Agha, head of the PLO's Fatch faction in Gaza, told reporters after the signing.

Palestinians and Israelis said there were still outstanding issues but these would now be dealt with in a liaison committee formed by the two sides.

The Palestinian self-rule authority took responsibility for health, education, environment, infrastructure and dayto-day administration for the million or so Palestinians living in the Gaza Strip and Jericho. Israel has said it would pull

its troops out of Arab population areas in Gaza by Wednesday, under its self-rule accord with the PLO. It completed a withdrawal from the other autonomous area, Jericho, on

Rabin angered by Arafat's reported call for jihad to liberate Jerusalem

JERUSALEM (AFP) -Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has issued a call to Muslims to launch a holy war or ithad to liberate Jerusalem from Jewish rule, according to an audio tape hroadcast hy state radio.

"You have to come and to fight and to start the Jihad to liherate Jerusalem, your first shrine," Mr. Arafat urged Muslims in the tape recording of a speech he gave in a mosque in Johannesburg on May 10.

Israel only began disclosing

the hudget of the military-run

administration in 1992 and

Palestinians say it is still not

fully broken down by each of

There must be difficulties hut

there is a hig difference be-

tween daily difficulties, even

big ones, and chaos. I do not

expect chaos," Mr. Gazit told

reporters.
"Civilian affairs are like a

"There will be difficulties.

the 38 departments.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Mr. Arafat's reported call thows into doubt the whole peace process. "If it is confirmed, it's a

serious violation of the written commitments and calls into question the peace process,' Mr. Rahin said. "Israel will not accept such

violations and continue the process," he warned at a press conference with US Secretary of State Warren Christopher. The secretary said he "en-dorsed" Mr. Rahin's state-

hig ship. It will go on runniog.

Some engines may be damaged

and repaired hut the ship as a

As from the moment of sign-

ship goes on," he said.

Mr. Arafat pledged an end to violence in letters exchanged hetween the two countries in early September.
The radio said journalists

were not allowed to attend the Johannesburg address, hut it had obtained a recording from the South African Jewish com-

munity.
"The Jihad will continue and Jerusalem is not for the Palestinian people, it is for all the

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ing, the Palestinian self-rule authority will become responsible for everything from schools, healthcare and taxation to birth and death certificates for the million Palestinians in Gaza and Jericho.

It is due to start administering most areas of life in the rest of the West Bank immediately after Palestinian elections, originally scheduled this July hut now likely to be postponed until October. Jamal Zakout, a Palestinian

negotiator, said the self-rule authority was leaving current structures intact but planoed to overhaul the civil administration so that it could evolve smoothly into a future Palestinian government.

"Now we are obliged to be-

gin from zero hut we do not want to always be like this. The PLO has ordered that all employees and directors will continue their jobs hut when the national authority comes it will fix a new structure," he said.

The 150 Israelis who hold the top positions in the civil administration in Gaza will leave the 7,000 Palestinians who have worked under them to carry on day-to-day administration. Palestinians said there was not yet a complete list of new management for the au-

Gaza youths gathered to taunt Israeli soldiers in the city for a last time hut found it. mselves being dispersed hy the new Palestinian police force.

The troops guarding the last bastion of the Israeli presence in the city, the old military governor's headqoarters, found themselves the butt of many a joke.

"When are you leaving my dear," shooted one child, as soldiers watched a crane remove giaot concrete road

"Get out you old rags, you are no longer at home here," added another boy. The soldiers did not look best pleased.

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Jordanian-Syrian summit in Damascus Thursday

By Nermeen Murad Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — His Majesty King Hussein and Syrian President Hafez Assad will meet in Damascus Thursday where the two leaders are expected to discuss the latest developments in the Middle East peace process, official

sources said. The King was quoted as saying that there will be a "Jordanian-Syrian summit in Damascus on Thursday." in his meeting with representatives of hlocs and committees of the Lower House of Parliament Monday.

His announcement. according to parliamentary sources, came after the King hriefed the deputies on Jordan's "great satisfaction with the level of Jordanian-Syrian coordination" over the Middle East peace process and on the bilateral level.

The King was also quoted as saying that his satisfaction with Syrian coordination did not extend to the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) with which, he said, "coordination is much below the expected standard."

But despite this, the King also underscored Jordan's insistence that the "Palestinians plan for themselves and take their own decisions." Jordan, the King said, 'will continue to extend sup-

port to the PLO as the sole legitimate representative of

the Palestinian people."
The King, according to the sources, underlined the Kingdom's continued commitment to the "comprehensive-ness of the solution of the Middle East prohlem" and that Jordan will not enter the "race" on the different tracks to sign agreements before fully negotiating the points lead-

ing up to that agreement.
"The King said Jordan will not sign a peace agreement before fully negotiating all the details leading up to that agreement," one parliamen-

tary source said.
The King told the deputies Jordan had always maintained its position that no peace can be comprehensive without Arah coordina-

That is why Jordan, the King was quoted as telling the deputies, "had always put nationalism above patriot-

The King's message wast that the Kingdom will continue to deal with developments in the peace process "from a nationalist poiot of view rather than from its own oarrow interests," as one deputy put it.

On another front, deputies interviewed by the Jordan Times said, the King's public

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Hamas claims responsibility for killing of two settlers Soldiers wound Palestinian

HEBRON (Agencies) — Mus-lim militants shot dead two Jewish settlers in a West Bank attack on Tuesday, the first killing of Israelis hy Arabs since the launching of Palesti-nian self-rule in the occupied

territories. Meanwhile in Nahlus, also on the West Bank, troops opened fire on stone-throwers leaving one man critically injured with a bullet in his head, Palestinian source said.

The 23-year-old Palestinian was taken to hospital as confrontations continued. The violence coincided with

a peace mission by U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher to Israel and the Palestinian self-rule area in

The Israeli car came under fire near Hehron. The Palestinian attackers fired automatic rifles from a speeding car, killing a man and a woman, 48year-old Margalit Ruth Shohat, whose daughter, 21, was critically wounded in the shooting.

The man was not immediately identified hut a settler spokesman retracted an earlier statement he was the dead woman's son-in-law. The assailants fled. But a burned car believed to have been used in the attack was found near Hebron.

They were the first Israelis killed since Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) signed a peace deal in Cairo which last week launched self-rule in Gaza and Jericho, Israeli military sources

The Islamic Resistance Movement, Hamas, claimed responsibility for the attack. In a call to Israeli army radio, an Arab man speaking Hebrew said the Izzedin Al Qassam Brigades, the military wing of Hamas, carried it out.
"This operation comes as an

immediate response to the injuring of Palestinian civilians in Hehron hy Israeli soldiers yesterday. Hamas said in a communique.

We will respond to all Israeli attacks on unarmed civilians by attacking settlers." The group said it would attack only military targets if the Israelis stopped shooting

civilians, dismantled settlements and disarmed settlers.

Israeli Deputy Defence Minister Motta Gnr said "terrorists" wanted "to sabotage the peace process ... hut in the end they will have no choice hut to negotiate with us." .Settler spokesmen said the passengers were from Kiryat Arba near Hebron and another

West Bank Jewish settlement. Israeli army chief Ehud Barak, who visited the site on a road south of Hebron, said it appeared to him also that the attack was the work of Hamas, which opposes Israeli-PLO

peace moves. Palestinians said the army imposed a curfew on Hehron and was searching for the

attackers. Hehron has been tense since Jewish settler Baruch Goldstein massacred over 40 Palestinian worshippers at a mosque there in Fehruary.

On Monday, Jewish settlers ignited fresh violence in Hebron when they attacked Arah worshippers heading to a mos-que in the city. Eighteen Palestinians were injured hy settlers and Israeli soldiers.

An unarmed international observer force deployed in Hebron to provide security to Palestinians after the massacre watched the clashes hut did not intervene.

Israeli Environment Minister Yossi Sarid commented Monday that the clashes in Hebron, which was under curfew on Tuesday, showed that peaceful co-existence between Israelis and Palestinians was all but impossible.

"The incidents prove once again that co-existence is complicated, daogerous and apparently impossible.

"The government will soon bave to look again at the decision to allow settlers to remain in Hebron," he said.

According to an army in-quiry about 30 armed settlers from the nearby hardline settlement of Kyriat Arba went into the town centre on foot and were stoned by Palestinians. At least two opened fire. Then when troops arrived and were also stoned they too fired on the crowd.

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Christopher to return to Syria as talks reach 'serious and substantive' levels The secretary meets Husseini in Jericho

JERUSALEM (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher kept his latest peace mission alive Tuesday,

saying he was returning to Syria following talks in Israel. "I am going back to Damas-cus for further discussions to try to find a common basis between the parties," Mr. Christopher told reporters after meeting Israeli Prime

Minister Yitzhak Rabin.
"Til be stopping in Damascus on my way back to the United States," he said.
Mr. Christopher said he had

Mr. Rahin's "encouragement" to return to Damascus where he spent Sunday and Monday in talks with President Hafez Al Assad and Foreign Minister

Farouk Al Sharaa. The Israeli Premier said: "If the secretary of state has de-cided to return this week to Syria to pursue the negotia-tions then there is perhaps a glimmer of hope.'

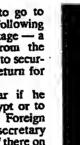
"We have to extract everything we can from this oppor-tunity. I believe Christopher will find a joint basis for dialogue."
Officials said Mr. Christopher was expected to go to Syria on Wednesday following up Israel's peace package — a phased withdrawal from the Golan Heights linked to security arrangements in return for total peace.

But it was unclear if he would fly first to Egypt or to Syria. In Cairo, the Foreign Ministry said the sccretary would make a stop-off there on Wednesday for talks on the

It said Mr. Christopher was to make a 24-hour visit to review the results of his peace mission to the Jewish state and

was expected in Cairo ou Wednesday for talks with President Hosni Mobarak but he could be delayed until the next

Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr negotiating table. Mr. Christopher said: "We



A U.S. embassy source said earlier that Mr. Christopher

The secretary, who met

Musa on Saturday in Geneva, has since been on a shuttle between Israel and Syria to try and hring them back to the

had a good and productive



Local Palestinian leader Faisal Al Husseini (L) greets US Secretary of State Warren Christopher in Palestinian police headquar-

ters of the Jericho autonomous area Tuesday (AFP photo)

discussion here. We are at an early stage. The problems are very difficult each specific issue has a number of difficult aspects to it." But he refused

He stressed that the indirect talks he was conducting had reached a "serious and substantive level that are more fundamental than the ones that have taken place before."

He added: "I have encouraged strongly direct negotiations between the parties. Mr. Rabin took up that

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South Yemen said to consider secession as North makes more military gains

ADEN (Agencies) — Fero-cious shelling and air attacks shook the approaches to Aden on Tuesday amid reports that the southern Yemen city's defenders had lost more ground to advancing northern civil war

opponents. "It is clear that they (north-erners) have achieved significant victories," said a politician of the southern Adenbased Yemen Socialist Party (YSP).

warplanes flew night sorties

against northern troops pre-

paring for a final assault on

Wave after wave of southern

Aden to crush southern leader and Vice President Ali Salem Al Beidh.

But northern Yemeni forces appeared on Tuesday to have hroken into part of the south's key Al Anad military base, though their rivals still had control over most of it.

"Get up, get ap. Start firing the enemy is in the base, shouted a southern officer at soldiers lying in the shade against the base's southern

The capture of Al Anad would bring northern forces within striking range of Aden

60 km further south - a city of 350,000 people which is the stronghold of the southern leadership.

President Ali Abdullah Saleh's northern military command in the capital Sanaa said northern forces took cootrol of Al Anad. The north claimed on Monday it took the base, hut later said it was besieging

Soldiers in the war zone told Reuters that northern troops had advanced into the northwestern side of the large base and were also trying to gain control of a strategic roundab-

out four km north of the base. Southern soldiers said the roundabout was heavily fortified and defended by tanks.

"Thousands of bodies are scattered all over the battlefield," said a witness, emerging from the centre of the base. Troops loyal to President Ali Abdullah Saleh were in control of the northern entrance and

after touring the front. But the south's soldiers and militiamen, holding on to the southern part of the 35-squarekilometre base and surround-

pounded their rivals with

shells, an AFP reporter said

ing bills, retaliated with Sovietmade Katyusha rockets. The soldiers manning rocket

batteries, 20 kilometres from the northern lines, were in high

On the field, the commander of a southern unit deployed near Al Anad told AFP that "the other party is pounding the base and airport." Southern troops bad withdrawn their artillery from the base and redeployed.

Despite the raging battle, volunteers from Aden flocked

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Palestinian opposition treads gently on self-rule

By John West Reuter ---

GAZA — As Palestinian selfrule turns into reality on the ground, the Islamic movement Hamas and other Palestinian opposition groups are still wondering how to deal with it.

The people of the Gaza Strip and Jericho - who seemed to grow more cynical by the day from the signing of Septem-ber's PLO-Israeli peace deal to its much-delayed implementation — went wild with joy when armed Palestinian policemen marched in at last.

Hamas, which denounces the agreement but is in close touch with local opinion. joined the chorus.

The fundamentalists' first major action after the police came last week was to organise a march of welcome by some 20,000 supporters through Gaza City.

Was it a glimpse of a new Hamas, changing over to open political life? Or is it just a tactic of wait and see, expecting PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and his self-rule authority to stumble and fail?

According to Mabmoud Zohar, a leading Hamas figure, "if Arafat comes to serve the Palestinian cause, he is welcome. If he serves Israeli goals, I do not think he will be welcome. Our action will depend on his action.'

Ziad Abu Amer, a professor at Bir Zeit University, says "1 do not think Hamas can afford to be totally rejectionist. And they know it. They are highly flexible operators.

Hamas officials held a series of meetings in Gaza and the West Bank this month with Arafat's Fateb faction, aiming to ensure peace between them.

Palestinian sources in Gaza say Hamas leaders are acutely aware of having something to lose if relations with the PLO deteriorate — their vast net-work of social and bealth facilities which ensure them a political base by serving thousands in the poor Gaza Strip. They say Hamas, while not

changing its ultimate goals. might come to an understanding with the PLO-led self-rule authority if its charities and

societies were left intact. Hamas and other Muslim militant groups declared in advance that they wanted to avoid conflict with the self-rule authority.

All the opposition groups have at the same time declared support for continued armed attacks on Israeli soldiers and settlers, at least so long as they remain in any part of the territories occupied in the 1967 Middle East war.

In practice, they are likely to spend at least some time assessing the Palestinian police. a completely unknown quantity in Gaza and Jericho. Even Islamic Jibad, the

other Muslim military group, has made reconciliatory noises.

"It will remain among our priorities to avoid armed con-lict with the Palestinian police and authority." the group's leader, Fathi Shuqaqi, said in an interview published Sunday.

He said Jihad was looking to boost its presence as a political movement, which would represent a considerable shift for a group which has long operated as a tiny guerrilla unit.

"Islamic Jihad will exert every effort to avoid a clash, even if it is obliged to change its tactics in Gaza," be said.

Iran cancels anti-U.S. protest in Mecca

TEHRAN (Agencies) - Iran has cancelled an anti-U.S. rally by its pilgrims in the Muslim holy city of Mecca after Saudi security forces surrounded their camp, television announced here.

Saudi anthorities warned last week that they would not allow Iranian pilgrims to carry out their demonstrations in Mecca, home to Islam's holiest sites.

The head of the Iranian pilgrimage delegation, Mobammad Mohammadi Reyshahri, said in a message to spiritual guide Ayatollah Ali Khamenei that the demonstration should be cancelled "following the deployment of Sandi police and soldiers and irresponsible acts and provocation by the Saudi

Mr. Khamenei replied by saying be agreed that the demonstration be cancelled, the television said.

The Iranian News Agency (IRNA) reported that commando units, equipped with grenade-launchers and machine-guns, arrived in eightbuses in the early hours Monday and were stationed in front of the camp, where the "demonstration was to be held

Tuesday. The police also prevented cars belonging to Iranian pilgrims and organisers from entering the camp's parking lot, "even those with diplomatic licence plates," IRNA said.

The siege followed a prayer meeting in the pilgrimage quarter in solidarity with the Muslim people in Bosnia late

Sunday, it said. Saudi police had taken down several Iranian flags placed on the roof of the pilgrimage

On Sunday, an Iranian religious organisation urged all Muslims making the pilgrim-age in Mecca to defy a Saudi ban and take part in the demoustration.

We call on all pilgrims, especially politically-aware Iranians, to take part in the demonstration as in previous years to foil the plots of ene-mies of Islam," the Islamic Propagation Organisation said

in a statement. The Mecca gathering is the "best opportunity and Mecca the best place for Muslims to express their hatred of the inStates and Israel," it added. Mr. Reyshahri has told the pilgrims that holding the rally was a "religious must" and that

everyone should participate. Similar demonstrations triggered clashes with Saudi police in previous years, the most violent being in 1987, when 400 pilgrims, including 275 Iranians, were killed.

Diplomatic ties between the two countries were broken off for three years afterwards. The annual Muslim pilgrim-

age this year is to start on Friday in Mecca, the birthplace of the Prophet Mohammad. Heavily-armed Saudi police continued to surround Iran's pilgrimage beadquarters in Mecca for a third day and prevented people from enter-ing the building, IRNA said

Tuesday Saudi Arabia's rulers ban' political activity during the annual pilgrimage which attracts more than a million Muslims from around the

"It concluded that the pilgrims decided to call off the rally in order to prevent 'giving the Saudis pretexts to create



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SMILE RETURNS TO GAZA: Two Palestinian policeman look happy even when directing the unruly traffic in Gaza City. Only small units of Israeli army are left in Gaza, waiting to hand over the last positions to the Palestinian police (AFP photo)

identify.

Yossi Sarid: Israel flexible on Syria

cabinet minister said Tuesday Israel could compromise on peace moves with Syria if only Damascus showed the same flexibility.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid spoke to Israel Television as U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher was in occupied Jerusalem on a shuttle mission to break the impas-

se with Syria.
"He (Christopher) is certainly familiar enough with the negotiations to understand that from our standpoint it's a package deal," said Mr. Sarid, who led Israeb negotiations with the Palestine Liberation Orga-

nisation (PLO). "This package deal has many important components and so

long as the Syrians will be ready to come towards us on a certain component we can also show flexibility on another component," said Mr. Sarid, a minister from the Dovisb Meretz Party.

Israeli-Syrian negotiations are stuck, with Damascus demanding a full and immediate Israeli withdrawal from the Golan Heights captured in 1967 and Israel refusing to discuss the extent of a pullout without a promise of full rela-

Mr. Sarid said that were Syria to show flexibility on matters of importance to Israel, including security arrangements, the Jewish state might show more readiness to compromise on "other mat-

In a separate interview with Israeli Army Radio, Mr. Sarid said: "The strategic key to the conflict between Israel and the Arab states is after all in Syria's bands Israeli officials were hear-

ters." Mr. Sarid declined to

tened by an editorial Sunday in a Syrian government newspaper suggesting Damascus might be prepared to bargain with Israel over the timeframe for withdrawal.

The newspaper, Tishreen, spoke of Syria being willing to accept an Israeli pullout from the strategic platean "within a reasonable and acceptable period." But on Monday the newspaper said Syria insisted on a quick Israeli withdrawal.

Thai minister seeks end to Saudi gems case

BANGKOK (AFP) — Interior Minister Chaowalit Yong-chaiyudh is pressing for an end to the lingering Saudi gems investigation and a decision on whether to arrest eight top policemen accused in the case, a ministry official said Tues-

Ministry Permanent Secretary Aree Wong-Araya, who is overseeing the probe into the mishandling of \$20 million in stolen gems, has said be will decide this week whether to approve arrest warrants for eight senior officers, including former Police Chief Sawasdi

Amornvivat, the official said. "I've asked Aree to conclude the case quickly," the official quoted Mr. Chaowalit as saying Monday. "If the case is not completed now, there may be damage.

Mr. Chaowalit said Mr. Aree must decide whether to approve the arrest warrants and take responsibility for the likely deterioration of relations with Saudi Arabia if be does not act, the official reported.

He said Mr. Aree still was checking statements the suspects gave to a ministry panel be chairs against testimony given by police. Last week, Mr. Arce's panel

rejected a police request to arrest the eight men, saying the case against them was weak and more investigation was needed. Mr. Chaowalit said

then that the matter should be handled with prudence but should be wrapped up quickly.

In 1979, a Thai servant stole iewelry from the palace of a Saudi prince and fled to Thai-land. He was arrested and the loot seized, but some of the jewelry was never returned and much of what was given back was fake.

The gems case and the murder of four Sandi embassy officials and a businessman here in 1989 and 1990 soured relations between the two countries. Riyadh downgraded its embassy here and stopped giving Thais visas in 1990 to pressure Bangkok into solving the

Musiim militants fight police in Egypts.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ASSIUT, Egypt (R) — Muslim militants had a gunfight with Egyptian police in the southern province of Assiut Monday evening, security sources said Tuesday. Four militants were arrested, one of them wounded. The fight took place in the town of Sidfa, on the Nile 350 kilometres south of Cairo. one

of the centres of activity by the militant Gama'a Al Islamivah (Islamic Group). In the provincial capital Assiut police raided shops owned by militants, arrested 40 people and confiscated videotapes of sermons by preachers including the Gama'a spiritual leader, Sheikh Omar Abdul Rahman. Sheikh Omar is in jail in the United States, where be faces charges that he conspired to bomb the United Nations and assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak. In other raids in Assiut province, police arrested 11 suspected militants and seized 37 unlicensed weapons, including 12 automatic nifles.

Pilgrims leave Sarajevo for Mecca

SARAJEVO (R) - Hundreds of Bosnian Muslims left Sarajevo for Mecca Tuesday, the first time since the war began two years ago that Muslims from Bosnia's capital have been able to join the haj or pilgrimage. Organisers said the first of 360 pilgrims left Sarajevo Airport aboard a United Nations flight for Zagreb, where they will board an airliner sent by Saudi Arabia, which arranges the annual Muslim pilgrimage to Mecca. More pilgrims were leaving Sarajevo aboard a second U.N. flight later in the day, organisers said. A total of about 360 Bosnians are travelling on the two U.S. flights to Zagreb where they will board an airliner chartered by Saudi Arabia and head for Mecca. U.N. Protection Force officials said. They will be joined in Zagreb, the Croatian capital, by 120 Muslim refugees in Croatia. About 320 of the pilgrims are wounded Bosnias army soldiers who will be able to receive medical treatment in Saudi Arabia, organisers said.

Libyan official pays private visit to France

PARIS (R) — Libyan Foreign Minister Omar Mustafa Al Montasser spent the past weekend in Paris on a private visit, the French Foreign Minister said. A ministry spokesman said the French government was aware of the visit by Mr. Montasser, who was en route from South Africa to Libya. But he said the weekend stopover in Paris was purely private and bad no diplomatic significance. France has shunned high-level contacts with Libya since the U.N. Security Council imposed sanctions on Tripoli following its refusal to turn over two Libyans suspected of responsibility for a 1988 bomb attack on a U.S. airliner over Lockerbie, Scotland. The attack killed 270 people. The spokesman said it was believed to be the first time a Libyan government official had entered France since the United Nations Security Council imposed the sanctions. Mr. Montasser stayed at the luxury Hotel Crillon, one of the Paris' most expensive hotels. The Security Council has also said Libya must satisfy the demands of a French magistrate investigating the mid-air bombing of a French UTA flight over Nigera in 1989 which killed all 171 aboard. The magistrate was barred from entering Libya in 1992. The Foreign Ministry spokesman said Mr. Montasser's visit "signifies no change in France's well-known position with regard to Libya." He added: "We demand that Libya comply with the Security Council resolutions and cooperate with French justice."

Iran condemns award for Rushdie

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran condemned on Tuesday the granting of a literary award to British author Salman Rushdie in Vienna, saying it was an insult to Islam. Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mahmud Mohammadi, blasted the move as an insult to "all Muslims and followers of other religions." "The prize was a basis for more disrespect to the divine religions," he said, quoted by the Iranians news agency. The European prize for literature, which was awarded to Mr. Rusbdie in 1992, was handed over to him Monday by Austrian Minister d Culture Rudolf Scholten. Mr. Rushdie ha been living in hiding since he was condemned to death by the late Iranian spiritual guide Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini for allegedly blaspheming Islam in his novel "The Satanic Verses." The decision of a jury of Austrian authors to award Rushdie the prize was kept secret for a year because the authorities in Vienna said they could not ensure his security there. The government finally reconsidered its position under public pressure.

UAE to hold defence exhibition

DUBAI (R) - The United Arab Emirates will bold its second major defence exhibition in Abu Dbabi on March 19 to 23 next year, a statement from the organisers said Tuesday. The statement sent to Renters said the International Defence Exhibition (IDEX) 1995 will be held at the Abu Dbabi Exhibition Centre. It said eight countries have reserved space in the more than 32,000 square metre indoor ball and more were expected. "With 10 months to go we are already two-thirds full," Brigadier Staff Sultan Al-Snwaidi said. "We have already arranged to build a large conference hall and an additional 6,000 square metre display hall." IDEX will emphasise electronic warfare and security systems. There will be live firing and other demonstrations. At the last IDEX show in February 1993 more than 350 arms manufacturers vied for lucrative contracts in a Gulf market which experts say is

worth \$10 billion a year.

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Mandela to attend OAS summit TUNIS (AFP) - South African President Nelson Mandela is to attend the Organisation of African Unity summit in Tunis next month, Tunisian Foreign Minister Habib Ben Yahia said Monday. Speaking during a meeting here to prepare the summit Yahia said Mandela's presence at the June 13 to 15 meeting would mark a "decisive turning point" in the OAU's bistory and would bave "considerable political impact." Confirmation of Mandela's attendance by the newly-installed president's office was not immediately available.

Hariri loses ground in political battle

By Andrew Tarnowski

BEIRUT — Prime Minister Rafik Al Hariri, brought in to raise Lebanon from the ruins of civil war, appeared to have lost ground pobtically in his standoff with the president and parliament speaker.

The billionaire prime minister decided on Saturday to go back to work after a stoppage that paralysed the government for a week, raised fears of political instability and scared Beirut's reemerging financial markets with a run on the Lebanese pound.

"The government was not resbuffled, portfolios were not swapped and the stoppage gave no results," said the Beirut daily Al Anwar, commenting on Mr. Hariri's failure to achieve bis goals. The climbdown may be

particularly damaging on top of an erosion of Mr. Hariri's popularity caused by the failure of his \$12 billion rebuilding programme to bring results as quickly as many

But the political damage may be more apparent than

Mr. Hariri remained firmly in office as the crisis ended. Despite earlier reports of Syrian dissatisfaction with bis role in the affair, be appeared to remain on good terms with Damascus — the paramount issue for any Lebanese politi-

A meeting on Saturday with President Hafez Al Assad helped control the damage to his image. A Beirul newspaper said it gave Mr. Hariri "moral compensation" for the apparent setback on the domestic front.

The showdown with President Elias Hrawi and Speaker Nabih Berri may even have won Mr. Hariri ground with Lebanon's inflnential Christian minority by showing them be is ready to listen

Mr. Hariri put angry Christ-

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promise that ended the confrontation be won a commitment from Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri to discuss his demand for expanding the cabinet after he goes back to

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Mr. Hariri sparked the showdown by proposing to add four members to the cabinet - two heavyweight Christians and two others to speed up reconstruction.

The proposal puzzled observers who felt Mr. Hariri was picking a fight he could

known no Christian heavyweight could agree to enter the government with-out major changes in its policies that he could not deliver - principally an effort to regain Lebanon's freedom of

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action from Syria, which has 35,000 troops in the country and is the main power Mr. Hrawi and Mr. Berri

duly blocked the reshuffle, making Mr. Hariri look powerless and proposing instead major government changes which could have weakened his cabinet sup-

As Mr. Hariri stayed home in protest, aides said his aim all along was to show that the distribution of power introduced under the 1989 Taif accord that ended the civil war was unworkable.

The pact did not clearly define the roles of Lebanon's three top office-holders, allowing them to meddle in each other's business and block each other's initiatives. Mr. Hariri believes this is

ment and causing delays to his reconstruction projects, Discontent with Taif and its partial implementation is also a major Christian grie-

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possible ally for the Christians Mr. Hariri may be seeking a major role in the election of the next president who must be a Maronite Christian — due by the end of 1995. Apparently aware of the

threat, presidential aides said Mr. Hrawi was angry at Mr. Hariri because he was trying "to outbid the president" in his own Maronite community. Relations between the two

men have long been bad. Mr. Hrawi is known to want to become leader of the Christian community when he steps down as president, and to want his son-in-law, Foreign Minister Faris Bouez, to succeed him.

Political sources say Mr. Hrawi wants Mr. Hariri out of government, or at least seriously weakened, before the presidential campaign



gets under way.

They say he fears the combination of the prime minister's office with Mr. Hariri's financial resources and the confidence of the Syrians would give the Sunni Muslim premier unbeatable influence in the behind-the-scenes bargaining that goes into the election of Lebanon's presi-

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Akaileh succeeds Talhouni at Senate

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Ahmad Akaileh Tuesday took the oath of office as a member of the Upper House of Parliament, succeeding the late Bahjat Talbount who

died in Amman on Jan. 30. Dr. Akaileh was sworn in during a Senate session chaired by Senate Speaker Ahmad Lawzi and attended by Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and several Cabinet ministers.

The Senate Tuesday approved the revised druft Public Security Law of 1994. as it was referred to it by the Lower House.

The draft law was originally made up of two proposed laws. The Upper House combined them into one after making amendments to them. The draft law was referred to the Lower House, which in turn approved it.

The senate also referred to its Financial Committee a revised draft law on the Jordanian Investment Corporation (JIC) and another on the Jordanian Exports Guarantee Corporation (JEGC).



Ahmad Akaileh

Belgian envoy points to U.N. weaknesses

By Elia Nasrallah Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Belgian Ambassador to Jordan Pierre Du Muelenaere Tuesday voiced his country's total support for the Middle East peace pro-cess in line with U.N. Security Council resolutions but also said that the world body has been ineffective in dealing with several major con-

Addressing an Amman Rotary Club luncheon held in his honour at the Inter.Contineotal Hotel, the ambassador said that peace can best be served when it is made to cater to the social as well as economic requirements of

The world community as a whole ought to exert more serious efforts to ensure the settlement of problems that are chronic and that continue to breed tension, Mr. Muele-

Referring to the work of the United Nations Organisaoons, the ambassador said changes ought to come about that would ensure the representation as permanent members of each of the world continents on the Security Council so as 10 be fair 10 various nations' interests.

As to the present United Nations set up, Mr. Muelenaere said that internal differences among Security Council members have made the world body impotent in a number of cases. Citing the example of the

situation in former Yugoslavia, he said that nothing much has been accomplished yer to stop the war or to provide relief to the innocent population

Even the NATO alliance. with all its modern technology and military power, is making different excuses for

its failure to act in a manner that would end the conflict, he said.

Remarking in response to a guest's criticism of the new world order and its "double standard" dealing with regional conflicts around the world, the ambassador said that the world community represented by the United Nations General Assembly and the Security Council ought to consider seriously current proposals submitted by various nations concerning the settlement of regional issues and act in a manner that would be more fair and just to all nations.

Referring to Belgium and Jordan, and their mutual relations, be said that the two states are relatively small in size but they play significant roles in their respective regions, and maintain close cooperation in several fields.

Cabinet approves 56 new economic projects

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Cabinet fuesday agreed to the estabishment of 14 new approved economic proiects" and two "economic projects," as well as expansion plans for 40 other cconomie projects.

According to Information Minister Jawad Al Anani. these projects and expansions combined mean a JD 12 million investment. They serve as a positive indicator of the country's economic situation because they are expected to boost production, create more jobs and stimulate economic activity in Jordan, said Dr. Anani in a statement fullowing a regular Cabinet

Under the law for encouraging investments in Jordan, all plans described as economic projects eojoy special privileges and incentives. according to Industry and Trade Minister Rima Khalaf.

Dr. Khalaf told the Jordan Times that "approved economic projects" are exempt from income tax and any other fees for the first five years after starting operations; they also are exempt from customs duty on imported machinery and equipment used for such projects.

"Economic projects" are only exempt from customs duty on machinery and equipment purchased for the projects, said Dr. Khalaf.

When asked how the govemment determines whether a scheme is an economic project or not, Dr. Khalaf said that each project is evaluated on a points system which studies the project's objective, the products to be exported, employment of work-



Jawad Anani

ers, etc, then ponits are assigned to the project. The number of points determines whether the projects considered an "approved econo-mic project" or simply an



Rima Khalaf

"economic project," she explained.

Meanwhile other issues discussed on the Cabinet's ageoda, Dr. Anani said, were the principles set up by the (CSC) for the appointment of civil servants and proposals for revising the CSC system with a view to introducing amendments that allow job candidates to submit other credenuals (not required by the old system).

In this context, said the minister, the Cabinet proposed that sufficient authority be granted to concerned departments in the governorates in order to achieve gradual decentralisation of the government.

Dr. Anani said the Cabinet approved giving priority to the appointment of local citizens in the governorates departments.

According to the minister, the Cabinet will tackle other points pertaining to the amendment of the Civil Service Commission Law in its

TCC observes World Telecommunications Day Corporation to instal 21 new main telephone exchanges

communications Corporation (TCC) Tuesday observed World Telecommunications Day by announcing new plans for the installation of 21 main telephone exchange units in the governorates of Amman, lrbid, Balqa and Zarqa.

Addressing a press conference at the TCC offices Corporation Director General Ahmad Nawawi said the new projects approved by the TCC board would make available an additional 219,354 telephone

The TCC will also be installing new networks to boost the telephone exchange units in the governorates of Zarqa and Irbid by laying an additional 1,100 kilometres of cables, said Mr. Nawawi.

The new cables, which will later extend to reach the Amman area, are to be cooocted at a later stage with the main grids linking the Kingdom with Syria, Egypt and Saudi Arabia,

TCC sources said that cur-

rently Jordan has 300,000 telephone subscribers of whom 166,434 in the Amman area

Mr. Nawawi also told the press that the TCC is studying the feasibility of converting the TCC into a state-owned company operating on a purely commercial basis. The new entity would have an independent financial and administrative status and would provide better and more efficient service by avoiding much of the usual routine, he said.

Last year, Mr. Nawawi was quoted as saying that the corporation will not be privatised despite arguments that the private sector could provide better services.

At the press conference Tuesday, he said the conversion into a commercial entity would enable the TCC to cater to and compete with all private sector services despite its remaining a government com-

Under the new system, the TCC would expand its services and employ an additional staff of 1,500 employees over the next three years, added Mr.

Referring to the collections of telephooe service fees, Mr. Nawawi said that 64 per cent of these bills are paid by 20,000 subscribers out of the total number of subscribers in Jor-

He said international calls account for the majority of the total number of telephone calls made in the Kingdom.

Experts urge more public awareness of danger of chemical disasters

AMMAN (Petra) — Participants in a four-day workshop on chemical safety organised by the World Health Organisation (WHO) Tuesday stressed the importance of public awareness of safety precautions in case of possible chemical disasters.

At the conclusion of the workshop, io which delegates. representing eight Middle Eastero countries took part, the participants said chemical poisoning cases in the Middle that most of the countries represented at the workshop had witnessed some emergency cases resulting from chemical and technological disasters that have left some victims.

Spreading public awareness in these countries has become extremely important since these states are still in a rudimentary phase of industrialisation and they suffer from lack of information on

Prince Mohammad visits Prime

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the Personal Representative of His Majesty King Hussein, Tuesday called at

the Prime Ministry where he met with the Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and was

briefed on the government's plans to ensure the smooth and effective delivery of services to

discussing the best means for implementing the

educational agreement concluded between Iraq

and Jordan and to obtain first-hand information

on Iraq's educational experience, and the con-

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means to diagnose and treat injuries resulting from chemical accidents, the participants

They said despite taking some precautions against chemical accidents, which are hazardous not only to people but also to the environment, few of these countries have the capabilities to deal with such incidents because of infrastructure and legislature obstacles.

The participants in the workshop, entitled "Health Efforts of Chemical Accidents, Prevenoon, Preparedness and Response," added that as the numbers of victims of chemical accidents increase in the Middle East, more burdens are added to these countries' health care facilities, which are still ill-prepared to deal with such accidents.

They recommended that safe and developed techniques be used to prevent disasters, suitable precautions be taken,

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and early warning systems be installed to alert the anthorities to chemical accidents, underlining the importance of cooperation and coordination among all government, private sector and voluntary institutions in facing chemical

The workshop, which was organised by the WHO in cooperation with the Ministry of Health, aimed at studying the progress of an international programme on chemical safe-

The programme seeks to provide advice and guidance to the countries of the region on how to prevent ehemical accidents and promote chemical safety measures throughout

sequences of the U.N. embargo on educational

AMMAN (Petra) — The government will reconsider coffee prices in the Kingdom in light

of the global rise in the cost of this commodity.

according to Supply Minister Radi Ibrahim.

The minister said prices have increased from \$1,350 per tonne as of September 1993 to a

current price of \$2,098, adding that at present

local coffee prices are based on previous prices.

Ministry to study coffee prices

The programme is spon-sored by the International Labour Organisation (ILO), WHO and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Principals team up to launch language camp for students

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Because English language education in public schools, particularly in rural areas, is relatively weaker than in private schools in the Kingdom, several public school principether to organise an English language camp for seveoth through eleventh grades io Rmemine, a small town near Baqua.

At a brief ceremony Tues day attended by Ministry of **Education Director General** Munther Al Masri, Ahmad Arabiyat, principal of Rme-mine School told the Jordan times that this idea came to fruition after discussions with other principals about their students' low level English

"We concluded that our students are very weak in the English, and it is very diffieult for them to express themselves in this second language," Mr. Arabiyat said. In addition to the students' deficiency in comprehending and speaking English, in the final year of school many of

them fail their Tawjihi exams or obtain low grades because of their weakness in English, according to Mr. Arabiyat.

"Students in public schools start learning English in fifth grade, attending one English class per day, while students at private schools begin learning English in Kindergarteo with at least 10 lessons

"We want to get rid of the classical and old methods of teaching a second language, and we believe this camp will serve the purpose," Mr. Arabiyat added.

The main goal of the camp, Mr. Arabiyat said, is to improve the students' English by strengthening their dialogue skills.

The three-day camp, which started Tuesday, combines 50 students from Salt Secondary School and Rmemine School. The students are divided into seveo groups and each group is supervised and lectured by an English language teacher.

"We invited several teachers from different institutions to lecture and hold dialogue classes," said Mr. Arabiyat, adding that volun-teers came from the Amman Baccalaureate School, Dar Al Lughat (House of Languages), the Inbilee School, and the Riadi Centre in Salt.

He said the students will also experience the pleasures of outdoor camping, going oo hiking trips, and participating in sports activities. They will read English newspapers and write reports at the end of each day describing their experiences, Dr. Arabiyat said. At the conclusion of the three days, the students will be evaluated and prizes will be awarded to those who excel-

"Students are not allowed to speak any word in Arabic during the camp period," Abdul Karim Saket, principal the oldest school in the Kingdom, told the Jordan Times.

He said the camp slogan is: "Talk as much as yon want, don't be shy, it is important to learn."

"Although it is a short period, we hope to encourage students to speak English af-ter the camp is over," Mr. Saket said. Rida Kharabsheb (17) said that when he heard about the

new opportunity he was encouraged to enroll. "I wanted to improve my level in English because I like the language and also to make new friends and exebange ioformation with them," the 11th grader said.

He said it is very important for every student to attend similar camps, because be/ she will face difficulties in their quest for higher ednea-

"I can't say I have reached the highest level in English, but I find myself able to



Seventh graders from Rmemine School Tuesday sing out their camp song at a brief ceremony to mark the opening of a three-day English language camp for public school students (photo by Rana Husseini)

express my opinion in English," be said. Rida said he is trying to improve his English by read-ing books, and be will attend

medical school if he achieves

the necessary grades.
According to Mr. Arabiyat, the Ministry of Education supported the idea of the camp, and will study and

evaluate its benefits.

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Iraqi Prime Minister Ahmad Hussein Khdeir Tuesday praised Jordan's stand towards the Iraqi people and said Iraq will not forget Jordan's honourable pan-Arab position. Mr. Khdeir was speaking during a meeting with Jordan's Minister of Education Khaled Al Omari and an accompanying delegamunications and Postal Affairs requested all post offices throughout the country not to accept any mail to Yemen until further notice, tion. Dr. Omari's visit to Baghdad is aimed at

Mail to Yemen halted

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Comaccording to the ministry's Secretary General Abdullah Al Jazi. The new measure comes in response to a request by Royal Jordanian, which informed the ministry that all carriers refuse to accept any mail addressed to Yemen because of the ongoing civil strife there.

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 ★ Exhibition of paintings by 20 Jordanian and Iraqi artists (including Widad Orfali, Hussein Da'seh, Waddah Al Ward, Adnan Al Hilu and Mahmoud Husseln) at Orfali Art Gallery in Umm Uthaina (Tel. 826932).

☆ Exhibition by 46 artists entitled "He, Bonjour Monsieur La

★ Exhibition of paintings by artist Salman Al Basri at Alia Art ☆ Exhibition by Iraql artist Shawkat Al Rubaie at the Italian

Fotaine" at the French Cultural Centre.

Language Centre (9:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.) (Tel. 669348). ★ Exhibition of water colour paintings by artist Itab Hreib and another exhibition of ceramics by Sajida Al Mashaiki at Ala Art Gallery in Wadi Saqra (Tel. 644451, 652823).



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Matter for Arab gap

THE GAP between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights appears to have narrowed as a result of the latest shuttle diplomacy conducted by the U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher. With Damascus entertaining in principle the idea of a phased Israeli withdrawal provided that the duration is reasonable and not as prolonged as Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin would like it to be, narrowing the differences between the two sides could now be easier.

Rabin must nevertheless commit himself clearly and unequivocally to Syria's legitimate insistence on complete withdrawal from the Syrian occupied territory.

The talks between the two countries appear to be centered on whether a gradual Israeli withdrawal should be attained in 5-8 years as Rabin proposes or in less than three years as Syrian President Hafez Al Assad now accepts.

The fact that Mr. Christopher has prolonged his stay in the region suggests that progress on the Syrian-Israeli track has been registered and that with additional political efforts and negotiations the two countries could come very close to an agreement. Should this be the case, the positive developments on the Syrian front would bode well for the other tracks notably on the Lebanese and Jordanian tracks as well. Israeli Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, who maintains that Damascus holds the ultimate key to the entire peace process, sounded upbeat last week when he said that peace with Syria could be forthcoming in the coming months.

True to its word, Jordan will soon rejoin the peace process after having resolved with Washington the conflict over the blockade of Aqaba. Time thus becomes a crucial factor, leaving little choice for the Arab negotiating parties to get their cooperation and coordination act together.

It is a solid contention that the PLO could have struck a more favourable deal for itself had it remained in tune with the other Arab parties before and during the Oslo and Cairo accords. As such, there can be no better timing to reinstitute joint Arab efforts than now.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A COLUMNIST in Sawt Al Shaab daily drew the concerned authorities attention to the plight of 170 workers who he said have been arbitrarily fired from the Jordanian National Canning Company and the 18 workers who were earlier sacked from the Jordan Dairies Company. The workers in this country have no one to protect them, not even the Labour Ministry, which is struggling with the grave issue of growing unemployment, said Ahmad Dahbas. The government is called on to come to the help of the workers in all private businesses because it is its duty to do so and ensure that Iordanian workers have priority over guest workers in employment, demanded Mr. Dabbas. While admitting that the question of unemployment in Jordan requires efforts at the national level, one can only hope that the Labour Ministry would at least ensure the rights of those workers already employed and guarantee their lawful rights, said the writer. Mr. Dabbas said that the Labour Ministry is expected to see to it that more jobs are created for the Jordanians unemployed and to ease the chronic issue of unemployment that has been disturbing the nation for so long.

COMMENTING ON His Majesty King Hussein's meeting with members of the Lower House of Parliament Monday, Al Ra'i daily said that the King has reiterated the fact that Jordan was never going back on its clear option for democracy, especially in light of the current disarray in the Arab World's ranks. We are determined to enhance the principles and the concepts of democracy, freedom and human rights, because they constitute the right path towards a stable nation and a brighter future, said the daily. By underlining the need for a constructive dialogue for solving issues, the King is urging Parliament members and political and social groups to cling hard to the course of democracy and to uphold the status and the roles of the executive, judicial and legislative authorities in the Kingdom, added the paper. It is a challenge for Jordan to build democracy in a dark era facing a divided Arah World, and a duty for Jordanians to work towards setting a good example for other Arah countries, added the daily. It said that the King is keen on the enhancement of democracy in a manner that would ensure a prosperous future for Jordan.

Washington Watch

Signs of discord appear in U.S.-Jewish community

FOR AT least the past two decades, the mainstream of the U.S. Jewish community operated as a disciplined political force. They were largely unified in their political goals and well-coordinated in their

The three pillars that formed the base around which the major Jewish groups built their consensus

- Opposition to arms sales to Arab countries;
- Support for U.S. aid to

 Opposition to the Palestine Liberation Organisation

(PLO) or any recognition of Palestinian national rights. But events of the past four years have weakened those pillars and are threatening the consensus that forged U.S. Jewish political unity. The U.S.-Arab coalition that fought the Gulf war, the con-straints on the U.S. budget, and now the Israel-PLO peace accord have all com-bined to create a real crisis for the leadership of the Jewish organisations. In some

cases there is disarray, in other instances, turmoil. In recent months signs of this internal discord have appeared repeatedly over such issues as U.S. President Bill Clinton's nomination of Strohe Talbott as undersecretary of state, the decision of the Clinton administration to support . U.N. resolution condemning the Hebron massacre and the

Israel-PLO peace agreement, There are a number of factors which account for each of these and other instances of discord within the American-Jewish community. They are in part a reflec-tion of the Labour-Likud split in Israel, but there is a domestic power struggle

A principal factor in the current difficulties has been the reemergence of the Zionist Organisation of America (ZOA) as a political power within the Jewish community. All but dead only a few years ago, the ZOA bas been given a new lease on life with the election of Morton Klein. a wealthy Philadelphia

businessman, as its president. The ZOA is, in fact, an affiliate of the Likud in the World Zionist Congress. Mr. Klein has aspirations of being a domestic political force in Jewish-American politics. So it is not surprising that he and the ZOA have begun to attack the Israeli government, the U.S. administration and the peace agree-

What is disturbing is that their attacks have won support for the right-wing group from a number of members of Congress and several Jewish organisations. But their initial success has come at some cost. While many mainstream Jewish groups were hesitant to challenge the ZOA at first, some are now voicing their displeasure at Mr. Klein's tactics.

Part of the difficulty that many lewish leaders have in attacking Mr. Klein and his group is that the issues that the ZOA is raising have been central for so many years to pro-Israel thinking in the U.S. It is, as one liberal Jewish leader said recently, "difficult for the community to adjust its thinking overnight. Even if (Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak) Rabin is tweeting with (PLO-Chair-man Yasser) Arafat, how do we now start lobbying for foreign aid to the PLO?"

So when Mr. Klein attacks the Clinton administration for the Talbott nomination (because of Mr. Talbott's past negative comments about Israel) or its support for a U.N. resolution (because of the resolution's mention of Jerusalem as "occupied") he finds support from some other Jewish groups and from members of Congress who are eager to support causes favourable to pro-Israel Jewish contributors.

What complicates the picture is that in both cases the most hardline pro-Israel group in the U.S., AIPAC. has taken the opposite position on the issues mentioned above. AIPAC took these stands because they were in line with the positions of the government of Israel. Mr. Rahin's government supported the nomination of Strobe Talbott and did not strenuously object to the U.N. resolution as a necessary trade-off in the move toward peace.

AIPAC's board of directors, as previously reported in this column, are deeply divided between traditional Washington professionals and liberals on the one side, and right-wing big-money contributors on the other. At its recent convention, the AIPAC board split on the question of U.S. support for the U.N. vote. Mr. Rabin's and Mr. Clinton's interventions were sufficient to win the group's support for the U.S. stance. But when AIPAC President Steve Grossman, a pro-Lahonr liberal, announced the organisations' decision to support the U.S. stance, he was heavily booed by the membership in attendance.

Another more recent example of the ZOA's counterpeace strategy was in evidence in the past few weeks when a group of congressmen, at the urging of Mr. Klein, announced the formation of a Peace Accords Monitoring group (PAM). The purpose of PAM, according to a press release issued by its chairman, congressman Eliot Engel will be to; "focus on assuring that" the PLO lives np to its commitments, particularly in light of the fact that the United States plans to channel \$500 million in aid to the West Bank and Gaza over the next five years. Members of the PAM group will work in Congress and through the media

to call attention to both PLO violations and comphance in regard to commitments made to Israel by Yasser Arafat. "Aid from the United

States must not be used to build the foundation of a terrorist haven. The PLO leadership bas to understand this from the outset and take specific steps to prove their deeds will match their The State Department is

outraged at this effort to meddle in the peace process, as are leaders in the Labour government. But the ZOA, with its big-money supporters and its ability to play into the fears of many in the Jewish community, have now secured 15 members of Congress (with more expected to join) to become members of

At a recent closed-door meeting of the conference of presidents of major Jewish organisations, the Israeli Ambassador to Washington Itamar Rabinovich, criticised such efforts which, he held, destroy the unity and discipline of the Jewish commumity and which meddle in the affairs of the Israeli govern-

Mr. Klein did not attend the meeting. Nor would it have made a difference if he had attended since, as several Jewish commentators said, it is precisely the intention of the ZOA to destroy the unity of the Jewish community (if that means unity in support of the peace process) and to meddle in the affairs of the Labour-led government of

At this point, several

observations can be made: - AIPAC is no longer the sole pro-Israel voice in Washington. Many members of Congress would, in the past, only act on a resolution if AIPAC gave them the signal to do so. But now that AIPAC bas at least come out on the record in support of the peace process, other groups like the ZOA, which

reflect the fears of some in the American-Jewish community and have the ability to direct organised money in the political process, have attained the ability to get members of Congress to do their bidding. This attack from the right has, in turn, weakened AIPAC's influence and forces the lobby to

So, for the foreseeable fu-ture, it can be expected that Congress and pro-Israel forces in Washington will continue to make life difficult for the PLO and the peace process. In doing so, they will not only be running afoul of the wishes of the State Department, but even the wishes of the government of

be even more cautious in its

support for the peace pro-

- Organised Jewish dis-sent against the policies of the government of Israel is not an entirely new phenomenon. During the period when Likud led the government of Israel, Americans for Peace Now regularly opposed the settlement policy (even to the point of supporting George Bush's decision to withhold the loan guarantees in 1991). But opposition from the left was never as strong as this new opposition from the right and the growing movement of Jewish opponents to

Israel.

Many in the Jewish community place blame for this on the Labour Party itself. They note bow effective Likud was during the past 12 years in courting the American-Jewish leadership and bow unconcerned Labour seems to be in making an effort to win them back.

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porters of peace.

So while Jewish dissent against the government of Israel is not new, it is novel that the organised dissent is so powerful and influential (and monied). This has inhibited some Jewish groups from being more outspoken in support of peace. While the American-

Jewish committee recently visited the Palestine Information Office in Washington and Americans for Peace Now recently sponsored a press conference with the National Association of Arab-Americans, the president of Americans for Peace Now recently said "while several American-Jewish groups have a general stance supporting the peace process, they have not put their resonrces behind that stance like they have done with other issues, like foreign aid and arms sales."

While Arab-Americans are struggling with the issues of peace and how to respond to the new circumstances created by the peace process, it is important to see that the same debate is also taking place within the Jewish community. Playing on old fears and muttering old slogans is always easier to do than creating realities. In politics, fear is a more effective orga-

nising force than hope. What is clear, however, is that for peace to work, a constituency for peace must develop. In its absence and in the absence of an aggressive campaign by leaders who support peace, those who seek to take advantage of old fears will find an open playing field on which to play, and on which they will win

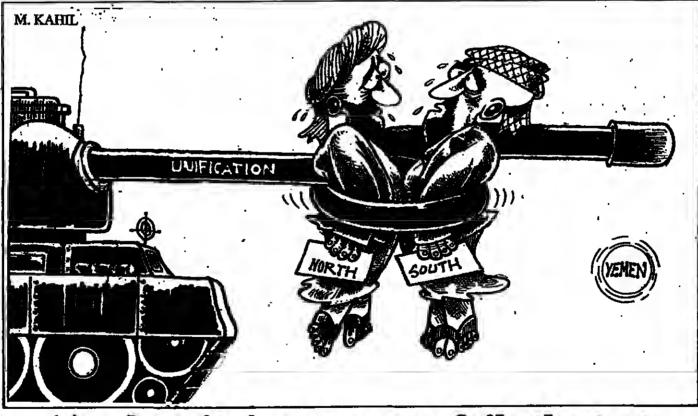
This is the challenge facing not only Arab-Americans but also Jewish-Americans. Since the power of the Jewish commimity is at this point greater than ours and since, correspondingly, so is their ability to disrupt or even stymic the peace process, their responsibility to support it is that much greater as well.

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'Arab unity' once more fails the test

By G.H. Jansen

NICOSIA — The civil war now being waged between North and South Yemen may seem a picayune squabble be-tween two countries (10-12 million people against three million) in a remote part of the world. Bnt, in fact, what is being tested is a much bigger issue: the viability, the durability and even the destrability of Arah unity. "Arab unity" has been like

ghost haunting the Arab World (even those two words give the impression, mistakenly, that some sort of single entity actually exists). Thus, ever since, and through the Versailles Treaty of 1919 following World War I the Western powers chopped up the Near and Middle East into client states, these countries have been trying, first, to get rid of imperial rule and, then, to unite in larger units. So there bas been the United Arab Republic between Nasser's Egypt and Syria with Yemen as an appendage, that is North Yemen, until the pan-Arab Baath regimes in Syria and Iraq attempted to unite: as did Iraq and Jordan; the over-enthusiastic Colonel Muamar Qhadafi has tried to unite Libya with Egypt, Syria, Sudan and Marxist South Yemen; but none of them wanted Libya despite it

None of these efforts

oil wealth.

"worked" because even if there was a form of marriage it inevitably broke np because it takes only about 10 years of separate individual national existence to produce a distinct national "personality" that is not necessarily compatible with another national "personality". Even between close neighbours like North and South Yemen.

Yet such is the power of the Arah nuity myth or ghost that not too much pessimism was expressed at the union in 1990 of North and South Yemen, unlikely partners though they were.

But it did not take very long for the southerners to discover that the northern leader Ali Abdullah Saleh, in power for 16 years, who had become the federal president, was not really interested in a friendly federal union. What he wanted was a single state dominated by the north; which the southern leader and vice-president, Ali Salem Al Beidh, was determined to frustrate. The dispute between these two men, which has become the core of the conflict, could also be said to be a dispute between two different concepts of Arab unity: should it be based on a loose, decentralised form of government or on a tightly organised and centralised one? This was the very point on which the United Arah Republic of Egypt and Syria foundered when

Damascus, wearied of and rejected Cairo's constant

President Saleh's appetite for the south was heightened when oil, even though in modest quantities, was disco-vered in the south but with a lot more in reserves. Sanaa naturally expected the south to share its good fortune with all the citizens of a united state while the south, equally naturally, wanted to keep most of "its" oil earnings for itself, particularly after aid from the Soviet Union came to an end. This problem of sharing resources is bound to arise in any union between two economically unequal states.

It would be particularly acute in a union with Libya, with its small population and vast oil wealth: even the most ardent feelings of Arah "brotherhood" would come under strain from national selfishness and human greed.

All these stresses were enhanced by hostility from Yemen's neighbours towards the new state, the southern component of which called itself ''socialist' and even "Marxist"; and where, horror of horrors, a free and fair democratic multi-party election was held a year ago, with women standing as candidates.

Outside interference from hostile neighbours will always be a threat to any Arah union because settled regimes become unsettled when a neighbour suddenly becomes much

larger and much stronger.
The neighbour's persuasion and money produced a third force in Yemen, the Islamic Islah Party, sup-ported by tribal traditionalists, which further confused

the Yemeni political scene.

The sadly disappointed Al
Beidh has suggested a friendly divorce of the two incompatible parts but President Saleh will have none of that because of the sacredness of the Arab unity concept. And in fact, it is said he is supported in wanting to continue with the united Yemen, by most Yemenis and by Arab regimes who have to render lip service to the unity ideal: After all, no one can speak out against motherhood.

President Saleh had, or has, not only emotion on his side, lot why should he settle for half a loaf when he could get the whole loaf?

When the south accepted the Arab League's suggestion for a ceasefire, the north rejected it. If, however, the northern surge peters out and the battle is stalemated and long-drawn out then, perhaps, both sides will, wisely, settle for a divorce. But that would be seen as a terrible, sacreligeous betrayal of Arah unity, and a cloud of shame and dishonour, will hang over South Yemen as it did, for many years, over

Clinton wants Rao visit to improve India ties

Reuter

WASHINGTON - U.S. President Bill Clinton, preparing to welcome the first Indian prime minister to Washington since 1987, is expected to focus on improving ties with the world's largest democracy and play down nuclear and rights disputes.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao is to visit the White House Thursday. On Wednesday, he becomes the first foreign leader to address a joint meeting of Congress since Mr. Clinton took office in January 1992. His trip represents a public

American embrace of India. a nuclear power with long-time pro-Soviet sympathies. largely made possible by the end of the cold war.

India, whose late prime minister, Rajiv Gandhi, visited Washington seven years ago, is believed to feel the U.S. invitation is long overdue. So do some influential Americans.

Strong disagreements over Kashmir and a new Clinton initiative to halt the spread of nuclear weapons and ballistic missiles on the volatile South Asian subcontinent have fanned tensions between the United States and India in the

past year. The U.S. administration is hoping Mr. Rao's visit will cool those passions and foster a new relationship that encourages trade and, eventually, progress on its non-proliferation agenda.

"Accentuate the positive put things in a positive track where they belong give a chance for Mr. Clinton and Mr. Rao to get to know each other, get more focus on South Asia," one official replied when asked about U.S. goals for the visit.

"No breakthroughs. Don't expect those," he told Reu-

In an apparent effort topromote a constructive atmosphere, the U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee holds a confirmation hearing Tuesday on Undersecretary of Defence Frank Wisner's nomination to be ambassador to India. The post was open for mote than a year, feeding U.S.-India ill

The tensions were inflamed by a senior U.S. official's remarks on Kashmir last year that enraged India's government.

Then in April, Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Tal-

bott, Mr. Clinton's close friend and a political beavyweight, assumed a lead role in South Asia policy, visiting India and Pakistan to

press the non-proliferation initiative and improved ties. The initiative aims to cap, reduce and ultimately eliminate India and Pakistan's nuclear programmes. It was to start with a U.S. offer to let Islamabad take possession of 38 paid-for U.S. F16 jets in return for Pakistan agreeing

nuclear weapons programme.
The U.S. administration, in a recent report to Congress, stressed its continuing serious concerns about India and Pakistan's advanced nuclear programmes.

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U.S. officials say that despite serious objections and controversy, neither govern-ment rejected the U.S. imitative flat out and both agreed to continue talking. This includes an Indian commitment to keep exploring a U.S. plan for multilateral talks on

South Asian security. But neither was the plan accepted. Some experts think the approach is fatally flawed. Others say U.S. involvement in this India-Pakistan nuclear debate is a

no-win quagmire. Although Mr. Clinton calls non-proliferation a key foreign policy goal, officials say he is not expected to press Mr. Rao on specific initiatives hut to speak more generally on the need to curb nuclear arms and missiles glohally. Officials say the South Asia initiative needs time and must be pursued in steps.

The United States bas differed sharply with India on human rights and its treat-ment of separatists in the disputed territory of Kash-mir. But a U.S. official, asked how prominently Kashmir will figure in Mr. Clinton's talks with Mr. Rao, said "it won't be a central

issue by any means." Despite intense U.S. efforts to stem an acrimonious media debate, news coverage of the differences between India, Pakistan and between India, Pakistan and the United States over nuclear arms, ballistic missiles and Kashmir continues unabated.

U.S. officials are frustrated by what they view as distorted, even bysterical coverage hy the Asian press. If Mr. Rao's visit can quiet that, Washington would consider it a major leap forward.

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were also carrying out an inquiry into the shootings. The PLO said after the clashes that Jewish settlements should be removed from all Palestinian cities to protect the peace process.

South Yemen said to consider secession the city, but one northern

(Continued from page 1) to the southern access to the base to pick np weapons and officer said "they failed to inflict any losses." The fighting in Beihan did

ammunitions. In Sanaa, a northern army no; appear to have affected oil supplies from the nearby spokesman said Al Anad air northern province of Marib of base, which the south says has 20,000 soldiers, bad been output at Shabwa's oilfields. Local commanders said Jinnah "razed to the ground and turned into a pile of ruins" odfields about 50 km north of Beihan were also not affected. since its reported capture on Journalists saw a large num-Monday.

The southern army units

were also trying to drive the

enemy away from a crossroads

leading to Aden, the main port

city of the south with more

than half a million inbabitants.

Mr. Beidh's defence lines

were spread over 17 kilometres

to the south of Al Anad, bol-

stered by 130-millimetre bat-

teries with a range of 30

Multiple-rocket-lannehers

and anti-aircraft batteries were

deployed on the sides of the

The northern units, mean-

while, also fought to break

through on the eastern front at

Zinjubar, but Mr. Beidh's

forces were holding on to their

positions, 40 kilometres from

den. Northern forces are trying to

capture southern posts along a

former north-south border to

protect their backs and keep

supply routes open to troops

preparing an assault on the

Northern commanders at

Beihan, on the edges of the

oil-producing region of Shabwa, said they took control of

the city from southern forces

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as to consolidate their hold

on a former border area that

was disputed before the north-

The city was calm on Mon-

day and there were no signs of

A military source in Beihan

240 km north of Adeo, told

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forces were trying to capture

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ber of tanker trucks carrying petrol and hutane gas from Safer in Marib to the capital Sanaa in the north.

Tribesmen and local military commanders said the battle for Beihan started on Sunday between the Shallal Brigade, formerly from the south, and the Mulham Brigade loyal to Mr. Beidb, when the southern forces tried to advance westwards to the northern Marib

province on Saturday. Shallal was one of seven brigades which fled to the north in 1986 during a bloody power struggle in Aden, It remained in the north and is now loyal to Mr. Saleh.

"A heavy artillery and tank battle raged until Sunday afternoon when the Mulham brigade was defeated." northern officer said.

Neither side has issued a casualty toll for the conflict which crupted on May 5, but a senior southern leader, Salim Saleh Mobammad, said in a newspaper interview that the losses were "large and horri-

At least 175 Somali refugees at a seafront camp have been killed in crossfire, according to the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees.

The fighting is still preventing the distribution of aid to some 6,000 Somalis left behind at Al Koud refugee camp, 50 kilometres frum Aden, a UNHCR spokesman said in Geneva.

A senior European diplomat said southern Yemeni leaders are considering seceding from united Yemen and declaring a separate South Yemeni state amid mounting military pressure from northern civil war

The diplomat said the secession option was being discussed at a meeting of the YSP political bureau late on Monday. Aides to Mr. Beidh confirmed the YSP political bureau was in session.

Some opposition political figures were also reported to be attending.
The diplomat said southern

envoys and officials had been discussing possible secession with several Arab states who they suspected might be willing to recognise a new South Ye-The diplomat said Egypt and

Saudi Arabia and its Gulf Arab neighbours have been contacted and that Russia might recognise the new state "after a few Arab countries recognise it and in consultation with the United States."

Egyptian President Hosni

Mubarak, who has tried to no avail to mediate between northern and southern leaders, has said that the seizure of Aden would be considered an occupation.

A senior southern leader warned the civil war in Yemen could lead to the creation of an Iranian-style Islamic state which would threaten its Gulf neighbours.

Salim Saleh Mohammad, interviewed by the United Arab Emirates newspaper Al Ittihad, charged that Iraq and Sudan were involved in the fighting between rival army un-

"What is going on now is a tribal project supported by in-ternational Muslim fundamentalism which is seeking to establish its own state in Yemen," said the deputy leader of the YSP.

"We are not surprised by the involvement of Sudan and fundamentalist movements in supporting the project and seeking to liquidate all new bulges that took shape as a result of Yemen's unity and democracy.

Mr. Mohammad said there were large quantities of Iraqi weapons with northern troops, charging Iraq backed a military solution in Yemen. There were also lragi military expens in the northern republican guards and brigades.

Meanwhile the United Nations said it was negotiating with north and south Yemeni forces to evacuate 6,000 Somali refugees trapped on the front

Sorting out a U.S. rele in U.N. operations

By Walter R. Mears The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - U.S. Presideot Bill Clintoo's blueprint for the future American role in U.N. peacekeeping operations is meant to make it effective, keep it selective and perhaps foster political peace at home

The first two aims haven't been tested yet. The third hasn't worked.

Even though Mr. Clinton has backed away from his campaign idea of a permaneot U.N. peacekeepiog force, Republican critics say he's still putting too much emphasis on multinational

The Choton policy specifically rules out foreign command of U.S. forces in U.N. operations, while permitting what it terms "operational cootrol" for specific situations and time periods. That's at issue too.

Those differences are typical of the strains affecting both U.S. and international efforts to deal with changing circumstances that are likely to require more peacekeepsions, perhaps doubling the 18 io which U.N. forces now are involved.

The nature of these opera-

tions is changing, the U.N. undersecretary general for t peacekeeping operations tolk a U.S. Senate foreign relations panel. Kofi A. Anna said "we've become more and more involved" in conflicts between factions within nations, because that, increasingly, is where the hos-

tile action is. This makes it a particularly difficult time, both conceptually and practically, for all, of us in the international with questions of when and how and where we will use force," Anthony Lake, Mac Clinton's national security advisor, said in describing the

administration guidelines. Since peacekeeping needs have outrus resources, Mr. Lake said, there have to be hard questions asked and answered about any decision

to intervene. Under the Clinton guide States commits forces to # U.N. operation, the government must determine serves American interests, a ment must determine that # essential to the mission, a begins with a clear objective and an end in sight.

Those are only some of the questions that would guide U.S. decisions on whether to vote for a U.N. operation whether to participate and

under the most striogent rules, whether to join an opcration in which combat is

likely. That's where peacekeeping yields to peacemaking.

Mr. Annan said the dangers in blending the two were one of the painful lessons learned in Somalia, where 18 Americans were killed in a street fight with forces of a factional leader the United Nations wanted arrested.

"If you are in peacekeep ing it is extremely difficult to eross the line from peacekeeping into enforcemest," Mr. Annan said, "anti once you've crossed the line it is extremely difficult to get back to sort of a strict peacekeeping....

"And to some extern, we are witnessing a bit of that m Bosnia," he sato.

Somalia, and setbacks on Haiti, were among the experiences that tempered Mr. Chinton's early preference for a broader, stronger U.N.

There's also the matter of money. The United States now contributes just under 32 per cent of the cost of U.N. peacekeeping missions, although the bill is past due. Mr. Clinton wants that reduced to 25 per ceot. He also wants the U.S. Congress to

appropriate nearly \$1.6 billion for the purpose for this

year and next. It is not a popular way to spend money. An earlier appropriation was shifted to pay for Los Angeles earthquake relief. By the end of September the United States will be more than \$1 billion

behind in its payments to

United Nations. All of that is long term; president's most immedia. problem is Haiti, and the defiant military rulers who ousted the elected president there. U.N. economic tions have just been ened, and Mr. Clint said he does not mie ou military intervention 1

Worldwide, there an out 80,000 troops involve in U.N. peacekeeping ope. tions; less than I per coot at. Americans. The total has gone up sharply since the encof the cold war; U.N. missions involved about 10,000 troops in 1987.

Mr. Annan said U.S. participation is important for logistics, engineering, transport — and message.

"The U.S. is a magnet," Mr. Annan said. "When you participate, others come, as we saw in Somalia. And when you leave, they leave."

Christopher to return to Syria

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theme saying he hoped for a resumption of direct dialogue but admitted, "there are a lot of problems, we are at the beginning, still a long way to

He praised the secretary's efforts "to facilitate a real breakthroogh.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres spoke of "room for manocuvre" with Syria.

Meanwhile Mr. Christopher, putting the U.S. seal of approval on Palestinian selfrule, visited the newly autonomous area of Jericho on Tues-

day.
"I am thrilled to be here," Mr. Christopher told reporters as he entered Palestinian

police headquarters in the West Bank, becoming the first world figure to visit Jericho since Israeli occupation troops withdrew on Friday.

The visit, under a blazing sun in the oldest inhabited town on earth, gave the nascent Palestinian police - comprised in part of former guerrila fighters — a chance to shine in ceremonial duties.

'One of the reasons I came: today is to make it clear to our Palestinian frieods that they are not alone in this endeavour and that we in the international community will stand with them as they make their historic transition," Mr. Christopher

"A great deal rides on how this is worked out. We all have

a great stake in the success. I am very impressed to see the degree to which this has been managed with skill and effi-ciency and I congratulate them," he said.

Mr. Christopher met Palestinian leaders in the newly autonomous enclave amid tight security imposed by the new police force.

He met a delegation led by Faisal Husseini, who will sit on the self-governing authority for the Gaza Strip and Jericho, at the new police headquarters.

"We welcome the secretary of state here in Jericho in the first step of our state of the

"I think for all of us it is a tremendous moment. But much remains to be done," Mr. Christopher said.

Palestinians take over

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They were scheduled to pull out overnight, but an unexplained delay left them to face the beat for another day.

"Get out of here " threatened one of the infantry men from the Givati brigade, as he moved forward slowly, gun pointing into the crowd.

But the rules have changed in the final days of the occupation compared with the routine of six years of intifada when the exchanges were less friendly. The crack of bullets would long have echoed down the

Meanwhile the new Palestinian police force called on Gazans to cooperate and to consider any further bloodshed as banned by the Islamie faith. In a first official statement,

police chief General Naser Yussef said: "We have before ns a missioo which cannot be taken lightly such as the building of our state and the raising of living standards.

"Only the maintenance of security, order and calm is likely to bring success to bur mission. We ask you to cooler-ate with us to achieve this difficult objective." The statement then adopted

Islamic religious vocabulary, proclaiming "from this day and until eternity... any shedding of Palestinian blood is forbid-den, just like remunciation of the faith."

The appeal came flours before Israeli forces were expected to complete their redeployment on the Strip, leaving the police in charge of order in all but the 20 Jewish settle-

meots of the territory. The call came as a group of

about 500 Palestinian policemen packed their bags and headed for the Self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho, some dancing and singing for joy. Some of the men, veterans of the Palestine Liberation Army, were leaving the Ain Jalut camp on the outskirts of Cairo 20 years after they established it to provide shelter and a training ground for their struggle for liberation.

"I wish I had a rocket, not a car, to take me to my homeland and a family there, Brigadier-General Abdel-Hai Abdel-Wahed told Reuters as he prepared to lead his men to the camp in Rafall that houses Palestinian police until they start work in the self-rnle

Two contingents of Ain Jalut men left Egypt for Gaza and

Jericho last week and were among the first to assume control in the areas after Israel banded over power to the Palestinians as outlined by a peace accord.

The police force will stage their first joint patrols with Israeli soldiers on the Gaza Strip from Saturday, a senior member of the new force told

The patrols began in Jericho, the other autonomous enclave, last Friday, as soon as more than 400 men arrived in the West Bank town to take over from the Israelis.

Their mission is to ensure "free, unimpeded and secure movement" on roads designated important for security, including one through Jericho, part of the main north-south Gaza axis and three access roads to Israeli settlements on

Jordanian-Syrian summit

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statement that Jordan was committed to maintain its democratisation process was in response to complaints voiced by the deputies over how the House was portrayed in the official media, particu-

larly television. According to parliamen-tary sources, Irbid Deputy Abdul Razzak Tubeisbat raised the issue of how TV coverage could instill in people's mind "the message that Parliament was being criticised for the way it handles its

duties. Parliamentary sources said that the King responded by dispelling any criticism of the

Kingdom's commitment to democratisation "because it is linked to the Arab people's dignity, freedom and right to participation in building their present and making their fu-

The official news agency, Petra, reported Monday that authorities.

House and reiterating the

the King called on the parliameotarians to contioue their distinguished work in the fields of legislation and monitoring government performance, pointing to the importance of having well-defined relations among the executive, legislative and judicial

Rabin angered

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Muslim umma (nation)," Mr. Arafat was reported to bave said in Englisb.

"You are responsible for Palestine and for Jerusalem before me. You have to understand our meaning... our main battle is Jerusalem. The first shrine of the Muslims."
The PLO leader claimed he

had held up the May 4 signiog ceremony in Cairo of the autonomy implementation agreement because he wanted the fate of Jerusalem included, according to the radio report. 'And for this I was insisting

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Mr. Rabin said: "There is no such letter by me or aoy

After the ceremony in Cairo, Israeli officials said Mr. Arafat bad refused to initial a map outlining the size of the

Jericho enclave. Israel has declared Jeru-salem its united, eternal capital sioce cooquering the Arab eastern sector in the 1967 Mid-

Arafat was reported to bave said on the tape that Jerusalem was "not their capital, it is your capital." He repeatedly stressed the importance of holding talks on the fate of Jerusalem

Hamas claims

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Hehron Mayor Mustapha Natche accused the settlers of shooting for 40 minutes before soldiers turned up. He demanded the eurfew be lifted. "There is no reason why the Palestinian people should be punished for the exactions of

entional observers staned in Hebron to try to improve security for the Palestinians in the aftermath of the mosque massacre said they

This confirms... (PLO Chairman Yasser) Arafat's fears about the presence of armed extremist settlers io Palestiman cities," Mr. Arafat's adviser Marwan Kanafani told Reuters. "The PLO demands that...

Jewish settlements and settlers be removed from all Palestinian cities, not only to protect Palestinian lives and properties, but also to protect the peace process we all want to preserve," he said.

He said the PLO called on the co-sponsors of the peace process, Washington and Moscow, and also on Europe to increase efforts in order to put an end to what he called the provocations of Jewish settlers.



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Japan calls on capital Cost of to come back home

Japan's net external assets over the past decade have frequently been negative, the interna-Sonal trade and industry ministry says, calling for capital flows to be routed back towards Japan.

Tae ministry's annual white paper on international trade, reproved by cabinet Tnesday, notes that in the past, Japan's hage current account surpluses have been largely "recycled" with capital flowing back over-

"Japan's net external assets

billion) in 1992, up from 52 trillion yen a year earlier. But with a current account surplus of 15 trillion yen, the net return on those assets was zero.

At the same time, the yield on gross external assets was only 3.8 per cent, falling below the 4.9 per cent yield on

Japanese government bonds. "We've changed our assets from yen to dollars, and so have been constantly losing money," said Midori Tani, the director of the ministry's international trade research office,

Japan's huge trade surplus, 8 persistent source of friction with its trading partners, could be more usefully recycled to-wards sectors in Japan which lag behind the rest of the world such as housing or services.

Mr. Tan, speaking at a news conference, noted that despite its small size, Singapore's housing situation was under much less strain than that in Japan, thanks to the local government's amhitious public housing programme.

coffee climbs

LONDON (R) - Coffee prices continued their seemingly nastoppable rise Tuesday and one leading coffee company warned that if it goes on much longer retail prices will have to rise too. The price for coffee delivered in July inmped nearly \$90 to \$2,140 a tonne. The latest rise in prices, which have almost doubled since early February, follows fears over dwindling supplies.

Crops in a number of countries are down in part because prices have been so low in recent years that farmers have had little incentive to spend much effort looking after their trees.

Lloyd's of London trims loss to £2.05b

LONDON (R) — The 300-year-old Lloyd's of London insurance market Tuesday said losses for its 1991 year fell to £2.05 billion (\$3.08 billion).

This takes the total of losses suffered by the market's 30,000 or so traditional individual backers known as names to £7.5 billion (\$11.3 billion) in the last four years. Lloyd's, which reports re-

sults three years in arrears. said the 1991 deficit excluded for the first time £533 million (\$800 million) of so-called donble counting which occurs when a policy is reinsured within the market.

Including this figure, the 1991 loss was £2.58 billion (\$3.87 billion), compared with the previous year's record £2.9 billion (\$4.35 billion) loss.

The main causes of the deficits were an unprecedented series of catastrophes in the late 1980s and liability claims for damage and illness resulting from pollution and asbestos problems in the United States.

Almost half the 1991 loss was in the form of reserves to guard against claims still filtering through from old policies.

Lloyd's said two-thirds of this strengthening of reserves was for so-called U.S. "long-tail business," such as asbestos and pollution, from policies written many years ago.

"Lloyd's is - we believe far between reserved than the large majority of our competitors. It is our intention to ensure that Lloyd's remains properly reserved," Chairman David Rowland said in a state-

Although 1991 was a difficult year for most insurers, he said the outlook for Lloyd's was improving, with the prospect of a substantial profit for the 1993 year.

The pure loss for the latest year — which excludes losses filtering through from previous years — fell to £615 million (\$923 million) from £937.3 mil-

lion (\$1.41 billion).

Mr. Rowland said reforms pushed through in the last year had resulted in a "much leaner, fitter generation of surviv-

ing underwriters."
The number of Lloyd's insurance syndicates has halved since 1991 to around 170, with almost two-thirds of 1994 business in the hands of syndicates which were profitable in 1991.

This will be of little comfort to the thousands of names who have been forced to cease. underwriting because of existing losses but who remain liable for losses from the past.

Many have taken legal action, alleging negligence against their Lloyd's agents, as the only way to recoup some

One names body, The Society of Names, said many of the market's backers, who have unlimited liability for losses, were unlikely to survive the

latest losses. "For the fourth year running Society of Names members have been hammered. The sums now needed are usually only obtained with a mask, a gun and a getaway car," it said m a statement.

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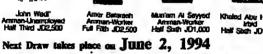






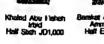












First biggest prizes are issued from GUVS headquarters

Indian dia mond exports surge cent of its value and 82 per cent

BOMBAY (AFP) - India's diamond exports overshot expectations and grew 27 per cent in the last financial year, helping maintain the country's leading position in the busi-

ness, exporters said Tuesday. The Diamond Exporters' Association said cut and polished stones worth \$3.64 billion were exported by India in the fiscal year to March 31 on the back of a rising demand for low-priced diamonds.

The performance exceeded the government's expectations that exports would grow 22 per

cent to \$3 billion. "Exports have grown by 27 per cent. This is the first time we have had such a high level of growth," said K.Y. Padmanahhan of the association.

India retained its top position in the world diamond exports, accounting for 43 per

Overseas jobs

to S. Korean

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SEOUL (AFP) - South Ko-

rean firms have won overseas

civil engineering orders worth

\$1.53 billion in the four months

to April, up 70 per cent from a

year ago, the Construction

The association said 20

South Korean firms received

38 overseas orders for bridges,

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worth \$1.53 billion, with Asia

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of the volume, Mr. Padman-

hhan said. A continuing global recession had turned out to be a hidden hlessing for Indian diamond processors, unrivalled in polishing roughs of low quality, he said, adding that customers were preferring lowpriced diamonds.

"We sell the lowest-priced diamonds in the world. Nobody can beat us in this." Mr. Padmanahhan said.

"A diamond exported from India fetched \$260 per carat last year. That was the cheapest diamond you could huy. On the other end, an Israeli-polished diamond fetched \$965 per carat on an aver-

age," be said,
Competition is expected from diamond cutting and polishing units in Mauritius, Sri Lanka, Thailand and China, but it would be a long time before they catch up with India, Mr. Padmanahhan said.

"Indian exporters and processors have huilt up a superior marketing network all over the world through expatriate Indian merchants and jewellers in various countries.

"Indian merchants have processing units even in Israel, Thailand, Belgium and Sri Lanka, It would be at least 20 years before any competition

catches up with us," he said. India has set a target of earning \$4 hillion from the trade in the current fiscal year which exporters believe they would meet easily. The United States is the largest huyer of Indian diamonds, followed by

Japan and Germany,

Brazil to change currency July 1

BRASILIA (AFP) - Brazil will unveil a new currency July 1, the real, as part of a plan to contain inflation and protect consumers' huying power. President Itamar Franco announced Monday.

The economic plan crafted by former Finance Minister Fernando Henrique Cardoso is designed to fight Brazil's runaway inflation, which hit 40 per cent for April alone. Mr. Cardoso is hoping the

plan will succeed and give a huge boost to his candidacy in the October presidential elec-The Social Democratic

candidate is now running second in the polls, tailing the Brazilian Workers' Party's Luiz Inacio "Lula" de Silva. "With all of onr prices and costs in reales (the new currency), our salaries will not lose

vaine throughout the month and we will know how much things cost," Mr. Franco said.
The new currency will replace the cruzeiro real. During a transition period, both will be available and will trade at a

rate of one-to-one.

Brazil has had eight currencies in 105 years, with changes in 1942, 1967, 1986, 1989, 1990, 1993 as well as the one planned for 1994.

The president said he was sending Finance Minister Rubens Ricupero on campaign-style trips around the nation to fight scepticism about the switch.

"If I ask Brazil to have confidence in the Plan Real, it is because I have confidence in now we are ready - and because I know that only with the economy in order we can all begin to gain, especially the poorest, the workers who live from paycheck to paycheck and have no way to protect themselves against inflation, Mr. Franco said.

The government's economic team indicated last week that the real would be fixed on a par with the dollar for three months, but Mr. Ricupero said Monday that details on the new monetary policy would not be finalised antil next

Cairo Amman Bank hikes net proft 22%

AMMAN (R) — The Cairo Amman Bank reported Tuesday a restoration of dividends after a 22.2 per cent rise in net profits to 3.52 million dinars (\$5.02 million) in 1993 from 2.88 million dinars

The dividends of 100 fils (14 cents) per share are the first since 1988. The bank is distributing 500,000 dinars (\$714,285) of profits

The bank's income rose to 21.9 million dinars (\$31.28 million) in 1993 from 20.5 million dinars (\$29.28 million) in 1992. Total loans rose to 157.4 million dinars (\$224.8 million) in 1993 from 131.5 million dinars (\$187.85 million) in 1992. The bank increased its allocation for bad debts to 11.9 million dinars (\$17 million) in 1993 from 10.7 million dinars (\$15.28 million) in 1992.

Cairo Amman Bank has operated in the West Bank since 1986, the first Jordanian bank to reopen after Israel seized the territory in 1967. It has nine West Bank branches, including one in Jericho. West Bank hranch deposits rose in 1993 to 124.59 million dinars (\$177.85 million) from 101.3 million dinars (\$144.71 million) in 1992. Loans in the territories rose to 23.12 million dinars (\$33 million) in 1993 from 14.13 million dinars (\$20.18 million) in 1992.

Total deposits rose to 315.87 million dinars (\$451.24 million) at the end of 1993 compared to 282.04 million (\$402.91 million) in 1992, with 80.6 million dinars (\$115.14 million) or 25.3 per cent in foreign exchange.

Total assets rose 11.6 per cent to 371.58 million dinars (\$530.82 million) in 1993 from 333.15 million dinars (\$475.92 million) in 1992, with 41 per cent or 153 million dinars (\$218.5 million)

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FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY MAY 18, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Some important pending deci-sions can be made at this time even though the planetary aspects are mixed and you will need to use caution where personal matters are concerned. Don't travel far from home. .

Associates are likely to be demanding today so try to cooper-ate with them and avoid argu-ments. Keep calm with everyone

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Try to be more cooperative with fellow associates and improve harmony and quality of tasks accomplished. Sidestep an oppo-GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)

Don't get involved in any expensive pleasure or new projects that you cannot handle comfortably. Be logical in any endeavour. MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Don't irritate anyone at home but try to establish more harmony there instead. Strive for happiness in your personal life. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) You have to exercise great care in motion today to avoid possible accident. Do nothing that could

harm your good name and repu-VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Study your duties well and then handle them in a most

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precise manner. You can easily gain your aims at this time. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Don't try to force others to do things or you could get negative reactions. Make sure you keep your eye on your wallet

or you could be short. SCORPIO: (October : November 21) Investigating into whatever is puzzling to you is wise and beneficial at this time. Maintain a cheerful manner even in bad times.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) It's important you show friends that you are devoted, otherwise you could lose some of them. Be wise in how you handle personal contacts.

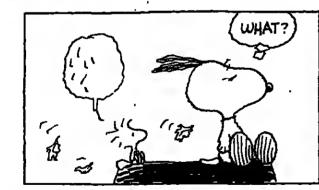
CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) You have to use much tact in handling public affairs at this time to be successful. Show that you have ability to handle any situation.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Many fascinating new outlets come into the horizon, but study them objectively before making any decision you could later regret.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be sure to handle your re-sponsibilities in a most efficient and conscientious way, and they are seen behind you where you get on to other things.

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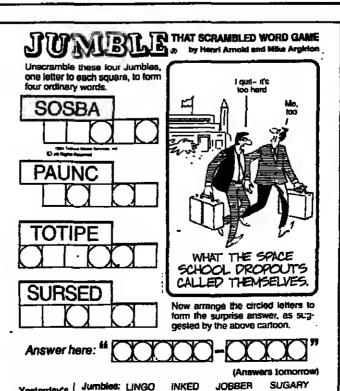
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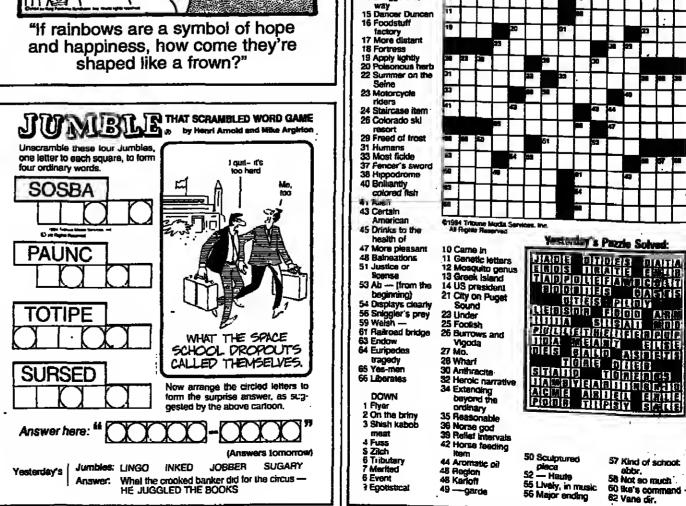


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LONDON (R) - Following are the huying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession

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Iraqi dinar hits record lows against the dollar

BAGHDAD (R) - Iraq's dinar currency is sinking and prices rising to record highs. making it even hatder for ordinary people to obtain foodstuffs and other essentials.

The dinar hit a record low of 400 to the dollar Monday as money dealers realised the United Nations had no intention of easing punitive sanctions at the root of Iraq's hardships. Two weeks ago the dollar fetched 300 dinars.

Officially one Iraqi dinar is still valued at \$3,20. But, with the shortages and chaos follow-ing the Gulf war, it collapsed to a value about onethousandth of its carlier level.

TEHRAN (AFP) - Iran has

declared a port city in the

Caspian Sea a free-trade zone.

the official news agency IRNA

reported. The decision was

announced by President Ali

Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani

Monday, during a tour of

IRNA said the city in north-

ern Gilan province had a

potential to serve as a "key

trade link to other countries

bordering the sea" - namely

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Bandar-e-Anzali, it said.

Traders said the dinar firmed a bit Tuesday, standing at about 370 to the dollars but with no visible effect on prices. "Prices only react when the dollar goes up. They rarely edge down when the dinar

firms," one trader commented. Prices of consumer goods have been rising as Iraqis pre-pare for their Muslim feast of Eid Al Adha next weekend. Markets traditionally vibrant just before the Eid remain

depressed.

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The Security Council is duc this week to conduct a routine 60-day review of its sanctions

Iran creates new trade zone on Caspian Sea Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan,

> of any venture, as has been the rule in the mainland. Iran set up the free-trade attract foreign investment and

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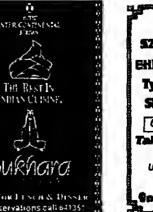
















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U.N. force in Rwanda seeks planes and armoured vehicles

NAIROBI (R) — The U.N. force in Rwanda appealed Tuesday for planes, armoured vehicles and trucks to move reinforcements ordered by the Security Council to end six weeks of slaughter.

troops approved by the council troops and rebels and a ceasecampaign of genocide.

of the Security Council for the expansion of the force in Kiga-In Rwanda (UNAMIR) Extold Reuters by telephone.

said.

-offered to ferry in new troops to the central African

most of them to Kigali where

President Juvenal Habyarima-

Aid officials estimate at least 500,000 people, most members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority, have been massacred by Hutu troops, militiamen and roaming mobs with firearms. macbetes and knives.

Mr. Kabia said UNAMIR hoped to bring a Ghanaian battalion up to its full strength of 800 within a week depend-ing on planes and logistical support and to give them armoured troop carriers.

The United States wants the force to be located on Rwanda's borders away from fight-ing in the capital. The U.N. plans for the force is first to take Kigali Airport and distribute food to the interior.

Deployment depends on countries providing the new troops. Several African countries have offered confingents, but it was not clear when the full complement of 5,500 might be available.

"Our first priority is to secure the airport. We also want a rapid deployment force to

massacres began on April 6 stop the atrocities," Mr. Kabia after the killing of Rwandan said.

"The new resolution... gives us the power of self defence against those threatening genocidal action. It gives us the anthority not to just stand by and wait while atrocities are being committed.

He said the main aim of the new forces would be to protect thousands of refugees threatened with massacre sheltering in camps and churches around Kigali and to mount patrols in the city.

The United Nations already had 470 personnel in Rwanda, the remnants of a 2,500-strong force which was deployed last

Mr. Kabia said both govern-ment troops and Rwanda Patriotic Front (RPF) rebels had promised to allow U.N. forces to evacuate refugees who wanted to leave their areas and be hoped the enlarged force would be able to stop milinamen blocking them.

"The new U.N. military force is not here to intervene in the war. The warring factions are conventional forces and are

his crew had been taping for an hour when police arrived and de-

tained them for several hours

apart from Mr. Wang. Police confiscated their pass-

very well armed... we seek to use the powers of persuasion, not intervention.

"We are here to help the Rwandans restore law and order and give protection to those who need protection. We aim to stop the killing," said Mr. Kabia, adding progress was being made on securing a ceasefire.
"Once the conventional

forces stop fighting I think the genocide will stop. I don't think the milidas will still roam the streets with the same abandon as now. We will concentrate on persuading with the deterrent of a credible force," Mr. Kabia added.

Western military analysts said the RPF appeared to be aiming to thrust from swamps into government-held areas in the south before the new U.N. peacekeeping force arrived in the country.

Travellers returning from southern border areas between Rwanda and neighbouring Burundi said guerrillas were advancing quickly towards Gitarama, seat of the rump government set up in early

Fragile ceasefire holds in Karabakh

Russian-brokered ceasefire in the disputed region of Nagorno-Karabakh went into force Tuesday and appeared to be holding despite reports of isolated gunshot fire, Armenian and Azerbaijani officials

had not responded to the attacks, news agencies re-

Karabakh signed Monday in Moscow a preliminary agree-ment providing for a ceasefire as of midnight Monday (2000

to be finalised Tuesday, also caus for the deployment of military observers at 49 sites along the frontline as of May 24 to be followed by the arrival of 1,800 peacekeeping troops from the Commonwealth of

of six mile) buffer zone was to be carved along the frontline in line with the agreement which also calls for an exchange of prisoners and talks on the political status of Nagorno-Karabakh.

attempts by Russia and the international community to end the fighting in the Armenian-populated enclave

died in the six-year war - the longest running ethnic conflict in the former Soviet Union and one million people have been displaced. Russian officials have stres-

sed however that, contrary to previous negotiations, Azerbaijani authorities have allowed Armenian leaders from Nagorno-Karabakh to participate in the current round of talks.

Baku has in the past maintained that the fighting over Nagorno-Karabakh was an 'aggression from Armenia" and refused to recognise the demands of Armenian separatist leaders from Nagorno-

comes amid reports that Azerbaijani and Armenian forces had suffered heavy casualties since fighting intensified

We associate ourselves fully with his demands that Cedras and the other military leaders stop denying democracy and security to the Haitian people," the statement said. approved government in Haiti.
It also warned that the forced repatriation over the

stitutional process."

U.S. sides with Malval in Haiti dispute

"Manoenvres such as to-

day's annonncement only

Haitians picked np at sea by the U.S. Coast Guard showed strengthen our determination Washington's continued deterto see democracy restored and mination to fight illegal im-migration to the United States. President Aristide returned," Mr. Malval, breaking a six-month silence with a bold act the White House added in response to Monday's appointment of a cabinet by the of defiance, earlier called on army chief General Raoul military-approved leadership. In Port-Au-Prince, Mr. Mal-Cedras to resign immediately val also called the new govern-

lower house.

porters.

that civil servants refuse to locked the country "in the obey its orders. darkness of night. The White House said in a He blasted the military's statement that it "vigorously" appointment of Emile Jonassupported Mr. Malval's denun-

Dismissed Haltian Prime Minister Robert Malval

holds a press conference in Port-Au-Prince, dur-

ing which he condemned the nomination of Emile

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has sided Prime

Minister Robert Malval in de-

nouncing a new military-

past few days of nearly 600

and said the military leader

had disgraced his uniform and

ciation of "this travesty of con-

TOKYO (AFP) - Japan's

Liberal Democratic Party

(LDP) vowed Tuesday to top-

ple Prime Minister Tsutomu Hata's minority government, but suddenly found that its

expected allies, the Socialists,

LDP Secretary-General

Yoshiro Mori reaffirmed the

party's intention of submitting

a no-confidence motion against

Mr. Hata's cabinet after the

passage of a long-pending state

budget.
"It is not a cabinet reflecting will." Mr. Mori

the popular will," Mr. Mori

told a news conference.

"When the budget is passed,

the cabinet's duty will be

But the Socialists, the

second biggest opposition

force, gave Mr. Hata a brea-

thing space by refusing to join

the LDP in seeking an immedi-

ate resolution to fire a key

parliamentary official from the

The official, Keiwa Okuda,

is chairman of the House Man-

agement Committee. His job is

decide whether to accept no-

confidence motions and thus

gives Mr. Hata's government

The LDP wanted to take

over the post to region con-

trol over parliamentary busi-

ness. But some Socialists, tra-

dizional LDP foes, felt it unjust

to fire Mr. Okuda who has

made no mistakes in the job.

The conservative LDP.

freedom of manoeuvre.

ruling coalition.

over.

baulked at the attack.

saint as provisional president to replace the exiled Jean-Opposition divided over anti-Hata tactics which lost its scandal-tainted

whether it will join the resolu-

tion against Mr. Okuda. "We

will take time to study the

matter cautiously," he told re-

head of Japan's first minority

government in four decades on

April 28 as the SDP, grouping a wide range of Socialists,

bolted the nine-month-old rul-

ing coalition following the

creation of a rival voting bloc.

A financial scandal over Mr.

Hata's predecessor, Morihiro

Hosokawa, combined with in-

fighting within the coalition

over policy differences, bas de-

layed the passage of the state

budget, now six weeks over-

It took two weeks for the

coalition to choose a successor

Mr. Hata took office at the

ment illegal and demanded

the conservative Japan New

Party, after he stepped down

Jonaissaint as Haiti's interim president (AFP

Bertrand Aristide.

returned to Haiti.

McCurry said.

political asylum.

Mr. Jonassaint named a 12

minister cabinet that did not

include a prime minister, in-dicating that be planned to perform those duties as well.

Meanwhile, the State De-

partment confirmed that 586

Haitians had been stopped at

sea by the Coast Guard and

This comprised 246 picked up Thursday and repatriated Friday and 340 Haitians in four

boats who were picked up over

the weekend, spokesman Mike

Under domestic political pressure, President Bill Clinton has modified the U.S. political

cy of returning "boat people" directly to Haiti allow for high-

seas screening aimed at deter-

mining legitimate claims for

38-year grip on power last year, and the Social Democraas premier.

Mr. Hosokawa still faces a tic Party (SDP), as the Socialgrowing call from the opposiists are known, together control 280 seats in the 511-seat tion to testify in parliament on a 100-million-yen (\$950,000) The LDP secretary-general loan he allegedly received from admitted that his party and the a mobster-linked trucking czar SDP had yet to agree comwhen he was an LDP deputy pletely on jointly submitting a running for a provincial govemersbip. no-confidence motion against

Mr. Hata: "But both parties share the view that the Hata Meanwhile, Mr. Hata called on LDP chief Yobei Kono and cabinet has no duty other than to pass the budget," Mr. Mori secured his support for the passage of the budget as the lower house Budget Commit-SDP Chairman Tomiicbi tee prepared to resume debate, Murayama said the party party officials said. would shelve its decision on

But Mr. Kono reminded Mr. Hata that his government was a "minority government created under abnormal circumstances," according to the offi-

Mr. Hata also met the Socialist chairman separately, seeking his help for the passage of the budget.

But the premier denied be had sought the SDP's return to the coalition. "We bave yet to take up the matter," he said. Two key coalition parties,

Mr. Hosokawa's Japan New Party and the centrist Democratic Socialist Party, asked Mr. Hata Monday to disband the voting bloc, Kaishin (Renovation), to lure back to the SDP which now has a casting vote in parliament.

to Mr. Hosokawa, the head of Clinton foreign policy losing support — poll

WASHINGTON (Agencies)
— Public confidence in President Bill Clinton's handling of international affairs has declined sharply following setbacks to his Hairi policy and criticism of other initiatives, according to a new poll.

In the poll, conducted by the Washington Post/ABC News and published Tuesday, only 40 per cent of those interviewed approved of Mr. Clinton's handling of foreign policy, with 53 per cent saying they

disapproved. It was the lowest rating Mr. Clinton has received since a disastrous raid in Somalia last fall resulted in the deaths of 18 American soldiers, the Post reported.

Of those surveyed, 13 per

cent said Mr. Clinton had a clear foreign policy, with 37 per cent saying be lacked one and fully balf saying they had no opinion, the poll showed.

Mr. Clinton's overall approval rating also fell from 57 per cent in March to 51 per cent, with men giving the presi-dent a lower rating than women, the Post said. The newspaper reported

that Mr. Clinton came off badly in comparison with his immediate predecessor. Half of those surveyed said be was doing a worse job on foreign policy than George Bush, while 28 per cent said he was doing a better job.

The poll was based on telephone interviews with 1,523

adults and was conducted on May 12-15. The margin of error is plus or minus three percentage points.

In other issues, Mr. Clinton also fared badly: Those who believed he bas the bonesty and integrity to be president fell to 56 per cent from 65 per cent in March, and bis health care plan got an approval-disapproval rating of 44-50 per cent.

Bnt Mr. Clinton's credibility got a boost with the sexual harassment suit filed against him by former Arkansas civil servant Paula Jones: 35 per cent do not believe her allegations against only 17 per cent who do - the rest had no opinion.

Menem: If Nazi must be extradited, why not Thatcher? Mr. Menem was speaking in

War 11.

BUENOS AIRES (R) - President Carlos Menem has said that if Argentina can extradite an ex-Nazi SS officer to Italy, then former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher could be extradited for the sinking of an Argentine warship in the Falklands War.

"If it was a war crime, much as I respect her, we would have to request Margaret Thatcher's extradition," the private Dyn News Agency quoted Mr. Menem as saying.

He likened the case to that of a fomrer Nazi officer who is being extradited from Argentina.

"If the extradition of former SS officer Erich Priebke is being requested... (for) a war crime, so was the sinking of the cruiser General Belgrano and in that case Argentina should

British Prime Minister Thatcher," the Independent news agency quoted Mr. Menem as telling a news con-The torpedoing of the Argen-

tine craiser as it steamed away from a British exclusion zoné around the Falkland Islands claimed 323 lives among its crew of 1,093. Britain's embassy in Buenos

Aires said the sinking — one of the most debated incidents of the war - had not been a war crime and dismissed talk of Lady Thatcher's extradition.

ing of the General Belgrano was a war crime," a spokesman said. "Therefore the question of the extradinon of Baroness Thatcher is not something we would expect to arise."

the mountain resort of Bariloche, I,000 miles (1,600 km) south of Buenos Aires, where police last week arrested Mr. Priebke after be admitted taking part in the Ardeatine Caves massacre in Italy during World

Mr. Priebke, who like many Nazis found a safe haven in Argentina after the war, had been living for decades in Bariloche, a town with a large

Argentina is still awaiting the official extradition request

Mr. Menem said Buenos

extradition treaty with Italy because otherwise Argentina would become an untrustworthy country.

Lady Thatcher was prime minister when Argentina's then military government overran a small British garrison and took the long-disputed Falkland Islands on April 2, 1982. She dispatched a task force

which recaptured the South Atlantic colony 10 weeks later after fighting in which some I,000 men died, including the 323 aboard the General Belgrano.

Argentina and Britain have since resumed full diplomatic relations. Mr. Menem, his country's second elected president since the return to democracy in 1983, bad recently been seeking an official invitation for a state visit to Britain.

Oldest piece of human bone found in Europe

LONDON (R) - British archaeologists have uncovered what is believed to be the oldest fragment of human bone discovered in Europe, the Times newspaper reported Tuesday. The limb fragment was found together with animal bones in the Boxgrove area in southern England, known to have been inhabited in the old Stone Age. The Times said tests on the fragment had sbown it was about half a million years old, making it around 100,000 years older than any other European human remains. The find, due to be officially announced next week, is likely to be classified as "archaic homo sapiens" said the newspaper.

Tonys passionate about Stephen Sondheim

NEW YORK (R) - Stephen

Sondbeim's musical Passion

topped the list of Tony nominations with a total of 10, pitting it against the Disney Company's first foray into Broadway, Beauty And The Beast, for best musical, Sondheim, whose intimate, chamber opera recently opened to strong reviews after reports of walkouts during previews, had the last laugh as his show about a military officer torn between love for a married beauty and the obsessive devotion of a baggard, sickly woman also scored nominations for Best Score. Best Book and leads Jere Shea and Donna Murphy. Sondheim's collaborator James Lapine received two nominations, for Best Book and Best Direction. "Disney's Beauty And The Beast and a hit revival of the 1960s musical She Loves Me trailed close behind Passion with nine nominations apiece. Beauty scored for Best Musical, Best Book and Score, along with nods for leads Terrence Mann and Susan Egan. She Loves Me scored nominations for Best Musical Revival and leads Boyd Gains and Judy Khun, as well as Best Direction. On the drama side, Tony Kushner's Angels In America: Perestroika, his follow-up to House year's Millenium Approaches which won a fistfula of Tonys including Best Play, led the pack with six nominations including Best Play, Best Actor for Stephen Spinella, who won a Tony playing the same character last year, and Best Director for George C. Wolfe. Other Best Play nominees included Arthur Miller's Broken Glass, about a Brooklyn woman's hysterical paralysis during the early Nazi era, The Kentucky Cycle, a seven-hour exploration of generations of an American family which had a brief run, and Twilight: Los Angeles, 1992.

Pro-life movement born in Russia

MOSCOW (AFP) -- Russia's

emerging pro-life movement bolds its first conference here this week to map out a strategy to curb the abortion rate. which is among the highest in the world, the president of the Right To Live Organisation said Tuesday. Galina Sieryakova told AFP that the three-day conference beginning Wednes-day would allow the Russian \$ anti-abortion movement to recruit new members in cities and towns across the country and to launch an information campaign against abortion. "After more than 70 years of communism, women must know that abortion is not something normal, Ms. Sieryakova said. One out of every four abortions in the world are performed in Russia. according to the organisation's estimates and Russian women on average have at least four abortions in their child-bearing years. Abortion is widely used in Russia as the main method of contraception and other means of birth control are expensive and scarcely available. Ms. Sieryakova said the Right to Live Movement, which was founded in 1992 with 20 members, now had over 1,000 members, most of whom were active in Moscow, St. Petersburg and in the Siberian city of Novossibirk.

Rape suspect held in France

PARIS (AFP) - French police have arrested a 24-yearold man who confessed to raping 15 girls between the ages of six and 13 over the past year, authorities said. The suspect, identified as Christophe Guiboud-Ribaud, was detained Friday as he left a restaurant in a Paris suburb. The owner of the restaurant recognised him from a police composite sketch and called the authorities. The suspect blamed his behaviour on being raped when he was 12.

Salim Khan said the Supreme Court decision had created a vacuum in Malakand Agency. The province also contains six federally administered tribal agencies where Pakistani law still does not apply.

But officials said the 5.500 Tuesday would not intervene between warring government fire was essential to end a

"We welcome the decision b," U.N. Assistance Mission ecutive Director Abdul Kabia

- "The main consideration now is countries provide airlift capability. We need APCs (amoured personal carriers) and we need transport," he

The United States has

state and snpply equipment.
The council ordered the immediate dispatch of 150 military observers and 500 troops,

Pakistan introduces

Law to halt protests PESHAWAR, Pakistan (R) -The government of North West Frontier Province announced Tuesday introduction of Islamic Law in a semi-

Islamic

try to balt violent demonstrations that left 10 dead a day "Governor of North West Frontier Province Major General Khurshid Ali Khan has through an order... announced the enforcement of Islamic Sbaria Laws in Mala-

' autonomous tribal district to

kand division," a government statement said. Povincial officials said details of the order had yet to be

worked out. "It was perhaps issued in a hurry to defuse the tense situa-tion. Additional Secretary For Law Said Maroof Khan said. "The details are still awa-

A gunbattle erupted Monday between police and parainilitary and tribesmen blocking a mountain pass in Mala-kand to demand enforcement ef Islamic Law, killing 10 people and injuring 25, officials

said.___ The sbooting broke out wben paramilitary Frontier Constabulary units moved in to remove a group of tribesmen who had blocked another mountain pass at nearby Buner as part of a six-day-old protest

Officials said the 10 dead included two Frontier Consta-

to demand Islamic Law for the

More than 20,000 Pakistani tribesmen, most from the semiautonomous tribal areas in the North West Frontier Province, have blocked the Malakand Pass since Wednesday to de-mand enforcement of Islamic Law in the Malakand Agency.

Officials in Peshawar said the demonstrators had tried to extend their road blockade to the Buner Pass -- The only ether route to four northern districts, prompting the para-military to clear the road.

The tribesmen were still blocking the road early Tues--day, despite the introduction of Islamic Law, and eyewitnesses reported a beavy police

- Spokesmen said Monday many tribesmen were ready to die for their cause and others had sworn to divorce their wives if they failed in their objective. "Sharia or shahadat (Islamic Law or martyrdom)," the men chanted as they sat on the road

: Monday. Soofi Mobammad, a local clergyman leading the protest, told Reuters that the protesters had taken an oath that they would return home with Sharia Law or would be buried at the

site. The movement to introduce Sharia Law in the Malakand Agency was prompted by a Supreme Court decision on Feb. 12 to scrap British colonial laws that bad been in force in the provincially administered tribal area for more than

a century. Provincial Law Secretary

China dissident detained after U.S. TV interview Lucky Severson told Reuters

BELIING (R) - Beijing police Tuesday broke np an interview between prominent Chinese dissident Wang Dan and two American journalists and detained them all for a short time, Mr. Wang and the news-

men said. Debate is intensifying in Washington over China's buman rights practices in the final two weeks before President Bill Clinton decides whether to revoke Beijing's low-tariff trade privileges on rights

crounds Ironically, Mr. Wang had just told the NBC News crew that he supported an unconditional extension of China's most favoured nation status.

"This has been my position all along," Mr. Wang told Reuters by telephone after his one-hour detention. "There are all kinds of other ways to deal with human rights ques-Mr. Wang said the incident probably reflected official

efforts to restrict newsgathering by foreigners in coming weeks. Mr. Clinton's deade is on June 3 and June 4 is the fifth anniversary of Beijing's crushing of prodemocracy protests.

"They beld me for about an hour, mainly to question me about how the interview was arranged, things like that," Mr. Wang said. "This is not so much a prob-

NBC News correspondent

ports, press eards and videotape and made Mr. Severson sign a statement that be would "accept the consequences" if he reported the interview. "I told them I couldn't well use tape I didn't have,"

Mr. Severson said, Mr. Wang founded the Beijing Antonomons Students'. Federation during the 1989 demonstrations, landing him top of a nationwide most-wanted list after troops crushed the

protests. He was arrested, sentenced to four years in prison for counter-revolution and paroled in February 1993, six months before his sentence was to expire. Mr. Wang said he has com-pleted an additional sentence

of a year's deprivation of political rights and was free to continue speaking his mind. China has released several s before Mr. Clinton's MFN decision, most notably Wang Juntao and Chen Ziming — the purported "black hands" behind the 1989

movement who were imprisoned for 13 years for counterrevolution. But Beijing plans to prose-cute veteran critic Wei Jinglem for me as it is a problem sheng, regarded as the father of China's modern Democracy for you reporters. I will not refuse to give interviews to Movement, for meeting the U.S. government's top human

rights envoy. Haldeman diary shows Nixon concern on Jews, media WASHINGTON (R) — President Richard Nixon's Chief of In a diary entry for Feb. 26, 1970, Mr. Haldeman reported that Mr. Nixon "really raged

to Libya.

again today against United

States Jews because of their

behaviour" against visiting

French President Georges

Pompidon because of the

French sale of fighter aircraft

A few days later when Mr.

Nixou attended a dinner for

Mr. Pompidou in New York,

Mr. Haldeman wrote that Mr.

Nixon "went into quite a

harangue at the hotel about the

miserable city of New York..."

there were "lots of Jewish de-

monstrators chanting a block

away. Got P (Nixon) going again against Jews' attitude."

Preparing for Mr. Nixon's trip to China, Mr. Haldeman

wrote that Mr. Nixon "made

the crack in reviewing the press

list of whether there were any

non-Jews going in the press corps to China."

An entry for April 28, 1969 said that Nixon "emphasised

that you have to face the fact

that the whole problem, is real-

The entry continued: "The

key is to devise a system that

recognises this while not

appearing to. Problem with overall welfare plan is that it forces poor whites into same

"Pointed out that there has

never in history been an

adequate black nation, and

they are the only race of which

In an April 1970 entry Mr.

Haldeman wrote that Mr. Nix-

on "broods frequently over

problem of how we communi-

cate with the young and blacks.

It's really not possible, except

with Uncle Toms, and we

should work on them and

position as blacks....

this is true."

ly the blacks.

Mr. Haldeman added that

Jewish "domination" of the media and of the problem of communicating with blacks. The diaries, part of a nearly one-million-word record of Mr. Haldeman's service in the Nixon White House, are being featured on ABC Television

Staff H.R. Haldeman told in

his diaries aired Monday night

of Mr. Nixon's concern about

news' Nightline programme. Mr. Haldeman was Mr. Nixon's closest aide until he was forced out by the Watergate scandal that cost Mr. Nixon his presidency in 1974. Mr. Haldeman died last November at his home in Santa Barbara, California. Mr. Nixon died on

April 22. In an excerpt from a tape from Feb. I, 1972. Ar. Haldeman said: "There was considerable discussion of the terrible problem arising from the total Jewish domination of the media and agreement that this is something that would have to be dealt with.

"(Reverend Billy) Graham has the strong feeling that the Bible says there are Satanic Jews and that's where our

problem arises." Rev. Graham said in a statement that Mr. Haldeman's words had been wrongly attributed to him and that the quote "goes against all that I believe about Jewish people." "Those are not my words and this does not reflect the

high view I hold for the nation

of Israel and for Jewish people

- many of whom are my close friends. "I do not recall such a meeting or conversation. I have never talked publicly or privately about the Jewish people, including conversations with President Nixon, except " forget militants." in the most positive terms."

MOSCOW (AFP) - A

Military leaders of separatist Armenian forces in Nagorno-Karabakh and of the Azerbaiiani Defence Ministry accused each other of staging "pro-vocations" by opening fire but both sides claimed that they

Defence ministers from Armenia and Azerbaijan along with leaders of Nagorno-

GMT). The agreement, which was

Independent States (CIS). A five to 10 kilometre (three

The latest ceasefire agree-ment comes after several failed

located within Azerbaijan. At least 20,000 people have

Karabakh. The ceasefire agreement

request the extradition of former

"We do not believe the sink-

German community.

from Italy for Mr. Priebke, 81, for his part in Italy's worst World War II crime. He was exposed this month by the U.S. network ABC acting on a tip from Nazi hunters.

Aires would comply with its

Teams seek changes to World Cup kick-off times

Canada entices WC teams

GOREN BRIDGE

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

LONDON (R) — Ireland, the Netherlands and Belgium are to put pressure on FIFA to change the midday kick-off times of World Cup soccer games in Florida, according to British newspapers.

They even have the support of Belgium doctor Michel D'hoogbe, head of FIFA's medical committee who reportedly will plead their case to switch from the debilitating heat to a cooler evening kickoff during a meeting of the World Cup organising commit-tee in Zurich Thursday.

The Tuesday editions of the Sun and Today newpspaers report D-hooghe as saying: "The 12.30 kick-off times worry me. The problem is a combination of heat and humidity, which leads to dehydration for the

NEW YORK (R) - Six of the

24 World Cup finalists will prepare for the month-long

tournament in neighbouring Canada, World Cup officials

Brazil, the Netherlands,

Switzerland, Morocco and

Bolivia, have all scheduled

matches in Canada to help

them acclimatise before head-

ing for their official training

the World Cup organisers of

their tentative arrival dates,

with some reporting to their

designated training sites as

much as 20 days in advance of

Five teams, Bulgaria,

Greece, Saudi Arabia, South

Korea and Sweden, have de-

cided to hold preparation

camps away from their official

training sites and will not re-

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Q.1-As South, vulnerable, you

+1097 Q2 A10973 +K106

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
I Pass INT Pass

A .- If you elected to pass because

you have only two hearts, you have

almost surely has a six-card heart uit, so your doubleton queen is golden support. Since you have a

maximum no-trump response, you should raise to three hearts.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South

you hold:

•K : QJ98742 . Q65 •Q10.

Partner opens the bidding with one?

A.—Should you jump to three bearts and then correct three no.

trump to four hearts, you are sug-gesting slam interest and no way is

this hand good enough for such ac-

tion. Jump directly to four hearts

or, if you play transfer bide, take that mute as quickly possible to

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South

you hold: •AJ4 Q974 865 +Q73

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 1 ± 1 NT Pass
2 + Pass ?

What do you hid now?

A.—You have already shown a bal-

anced hand of 8-10 points, so don't repeat yourself. Since you have no idea how strong partner is, or where

idea how strong partner is, or where you are headed, for the moment all

you can do is take a preference to

Q.4-East-West vulnerable, as

Pass

What oction do you take?

the required date.

All 23 teams have advised

camps in the United States.

World champions Germany,

said Monday.

"During the meeting Thurs-day I will make my concerns clear and ask if it is possible to make changes," the papers quoted him as saying.

But FIFA press officer Guido Tognoni told Reuters Monday that the times could not be altered because television schedules have already been drawn up.

"There is no way the kickoff times for the matches in Orlando can be altered," said Tognoni.

FIFA decided all games in Orlando, featuring teams from groups E and F, should start around noon to avoid the regular mid-afternoon and evening lightning storms that plague the region.

The first game in Orlando is on June 19 between Belgium

port to their quarters until

much closer to the time they

have to arrive - five days

before their opening fixture. Saudi Arabia will be the first

time to reach the U.S., arriving

Tuesday for a preparation camp near Atlantic City, New

Jersey, before making for their training site near Washington

Germany will spend a week

near Toronto, during which time they will play Canada,

before reporting to Chicago June 13, five days before the

opening game of the World Cup against Bolivia.

States May 26 before moving

to Canada June 3 for a match

against the Canadians two days

Morocco and the Nether-

lands also have games sche-

South you hold:

Partner opens the bidding with one

no trump. What do you respond? A.—This is the band for a rump to three hearts in standard methods.

Whether partner rebids three no trump or raises to four beaus, pass.

of 10-14 points and a five-card heart suit.

Q.5-Both vulnerable, as South

you held: +QJ542 76 J8432 +Q2

What action do you take?

A.—Your hand has value only at a

spade contract, because your spade length detracts from partner's defensive potential. Jump to four spades. That's preemptive; with a strong hand you would first cue-bid diamond.

Q.6-Neither vulnerable, as South

+AQJ63 "J : K43 +Q743

What do you bid oow?

A.—Your hand has gotten better
by leaps and bounds and it doesn't
need all that much from partner to

be in the slaw zone. Nevertheless, you still have a minimum opening bid and unless partner can make

another move, we would be content with game. For the moment we would simply bid four clubs, to con-

firm four-card support.

The bidding has proceeded:
South West North East
1 + Pass 2 + Pass
3 + Pass 3 - Pass

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 2 2 7

duled against Canada.

Brazil arrive in the United

decided to rely on two foreignbased talents to help them achieve their first victory at the KFA official. World Cup finals, a soccer

talent in its World Cup squad

official said Tuesday. The official at the Korea Football Association (KFA) said soccer officials agreed at a meeting Monday to include Kim Joo-Sung in Germany and Bochum.

Germany to watch Kim play members South Korea will announce this week, and discuss plans to their final World Cup list Sun-

bring him in. The midfielder, a veteran of the 1990 World Cup in Italy "It was decided that the two

defences and create chances.

Noh, who also played in last year's Asian qualifiers, and is now in the I-League is expected to arrive in Scoul Thursday.

Marseille face debt inquiry

MARSEILLE, France (AFP) ture was placed in the hands of an examining magistrate by a commercial court here Tuesday after it heard the club had debts of 404 million francs (\$70

Accounts for the 1992-93 season showed debts of 404 million francs and operating losses of 123 million francs (\$22 million) which left a net deficit of 67 million francs (\$12

Club President Bernard Tapie claims the debts can be covered by the sale of players and he can personally guarantee the 67 million francs. Tapie has appealed against his life ban from the sport for his alleged part in a match-fixing scandal which led to Marseille being demoted to the second

to rule by the end of the month on whether Marseille could sign any new players for next

Olympique Marseille's fu-

the semi-finals there the fol-

Bernard Nouaille has been appointed to check the club's accounts. If he reports the club is in cessation of payments it will be wound up.

The French league's financial watchdog, the DNCG, was

Brazilian forward Sonny Anderson da Silva, on loan from Servette Geneva, will almost certainly leave Marseille, the Swiss champions said.

Juventus of Italy bave already bid \$10 million and French clubs Monaco and Bordeaux are also interested.

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S. Korea including foreign-based Tennis star Jennifer Capriata arrested on drug charges

player was released to her attorney John Ross.

Police officer Mitch Fry said that Carpriati was found alone in the room and a search uncovered the marijuana. Shortly afterwards a 17-year-old re-

ported runaway girl and a 19-year-old man pulled up outside the hotel in Capriati's car.

They were also arrested on drug charges.

The girl, alleged to be in possession of two packets of

heroine, was later released to The man, Tom Wineland of Key Biscayne, was suspected

of having crack cocaine and was being held on a \$6,000 bond at Dade County Jail. It is the second time in less than a year that Capriati, who became the youngest player ever to win a match at Wimbledon in 1990 and who reached

lowing year, has been in trouble with Florida police. Last December she was accused in Tampa of shoplifting but let off with a warning. Her

money after turning professional in March 1990 She reached a highest-ever ranking of sixth in 1991. reached three semi-finals and six quarter-finals in 14 Grand

> Capriati officially left th tour because of an elbow in jury but many felt sh showing classic signs burn-

she did not intend to return the game until she graculated from high school and despute a statement in March from high school and despute a statement in March from high father and coach, Stefang Capriati, who said she might stage a return for the fortherming French Open, it was quickly clear Capriati herself was not enthusiastic about the idea.

The current issue of Sports Illustrated quotes Capriati 65 saying: 'I'm having fun." The magazine said it interviewed her at Florida Atlantic Upi-

versity in Bosa Raton and that Capriali had said she had left her parents to live with friends. "It's better with them than

shop during a shopping trip wearing a \$15 ring she had not up where I was living," she is reported as saying. Capriati's agent made no ig-Capriati, who has not played on the professional tour since

mediate comment after hearing Monday's news.

Conspirators plead guilty to figure skater Kerrigan attack

Jennifer Capriati shown in a

Coral Gables Police Depart-

agent, Linda Dozortez, a

publicist with the International Management Group (IMG), claimed Capriati had inadver-

tently wandered off from a

losing in the first-round of last

PORTLAND, Ore. (R) — Figure skater Tonya Harding's former bodyguard and two associates pleaded guilty Monday to charges stemming from the attack on her rival Nancy

Kerrigan. Under a plea bargain, body-guard Sbawn Eckardt, assailant Shane Stant and getaway car driver Derrick Smith each will serve 18 months in prison but will not be fined for the Jan. 6 attack on Kerrigan in Detroit, that forced her out of the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

The guilty pleas bring to an end a five-month criminal investigation into the conspiracy to bludgeon Kerrigan, who reand went on to win the silver medal at the Winter Olympics in Lillehammer, Norway. Harding failed to win a medal.

Harding pleaded guilty March 16 to bindering the prosecution in the case and was ordered to pay fines and penalties of \$160,000 and serve 500 hours of community service but no jail time.

Her former husband Jeff

Gillooly pleaded guilty in February to a state charge of racketeering, for which he is to serve two years in jail and pay \$100,000 in fines. In accepting the final three guilty pleas, Multinomab

County circuit judge Philip Abraham berated the three young men, who be said were motivated by "greed and money.

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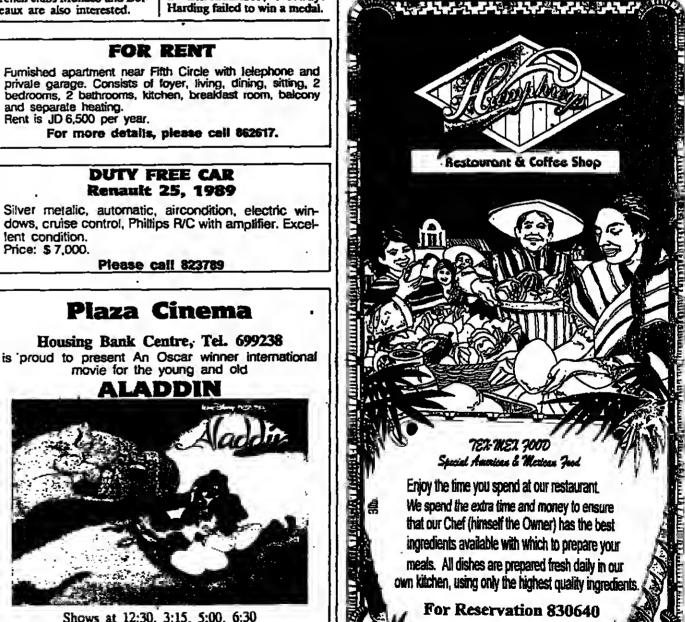
nations, and you gentlemen bave introduced violence." Abraham said." It's not too difficult to say wby that was a big deal."

Stant and Smith, his uncle. each pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit assault. while Eckardt pleaded guilty to

racketerring.

Declaring that the "circus atmosphere" surrounding the case is over, Abraham immediately sentenced Stant and Smith, who were ted away in handcuffs. Sentencing for Eckardt was set for July 11.

Lawyers said both Stant and Smith, who were sporting beards and wearing blue jeans, were destitute despite receiv-



players would be needed to SEOUL (R) — South Kora has year's United States Open. CORAL GABLES, Florida boost the team's strength, and has been criticised for weak earned \$1.5 million in prize (AFP) — Former American performances in the national help us achieve for goal of tennis star Jennifer Capriati reaching the final 16," said the was charged with being in pos-But head coach Kim Ho Kim, Asian footballer of the session of marijuana bere pushed for Kim's entry saying Monday after police found her year in 1989, followed 1986 that his international expenin a hotel room after being veteran Cha Boom-Keun into ence would boost the team's tipped off about a "runaway the German Bundestiga and is confidence. Slam events and beat Steffi The flamboyant 28-year-old being there. now with second division Graf in three thrilling sets in After being charged, the 18midfielder has the skill to year-old former world top-ten the 1992 Olympic final in Bar-Noh Jung Yoon in Japan as South Korea's World Cup South Korean soccer offibreak through apparently solid cials were expected to leave for

NEWS IN BRIEF

Australia replace Argentina in Japan

SYDNEY (R) - Australia answered Tuesday a late invitation from Japanese soccer officials by organising a squad to replace Argentina in a three-nation tournament later this month. Argentina withdrew in protest last week following the Japanese government's refusal to issue Diego Maradona an entry visa because of a drug conviction. Tournament organisers turned to Australia Friday, giving coach Eddie Thomson less than four days to put together his 16-man squad. "I've been flat out finding out who is available at such short notice." Thomson said. Australia's first upponents in the Kinn Cup will be hosts Japan in Hiroshinia Sunday followed by France in Kobe May 26. The Australian squad will leave for Japan

Belgium omit Brazil striker

BRUSSELS (AFP) - Belgian coach Paul Van Himst has omitted Brazilian-horn Luis Oliveira from his World Cup squad because he thought the player would disrupt team unity. Otiveira, who plays for the Italian side Cagliari, recently criticised Van Himst and some of the players. Croatian-born Josip Weber, whose 31 goals for Cercle Bruges made him the leading scorer in Belgium for the third year running, is called up a month after becoming a Belgian citizen. Bruges defender Pascal Renier, who marked his opposing forward out of the game in every important league match this year, and his club goalkeeper Dany Verlinden are two other uncapped players. Michel de Wolf, 36, is going to his third finals. "He's still the best sweeper in Belgium." Van Himst said. He picked seven players each from champions Anderlecht and runners-up

Clippers fire Weiss as head coach

LOS ANGELES (R) — The Los Angeles Clippers Monday fired bead coach Bob Weiss after just one season on a three-year contract. General Manager Elgin Baylor said the club bas begun a search for a successor. He said assistant coaches Dave Wohl, Johnny Davis and Bob Ociepka will be retained until a new coach determines their status. The Clippers made a blockbuster trade with Atlanta this past seas, getting All-Star forward Dominique Wilkins in a deal for Danny Manning. But the Clippers still finished last in the Pacific Division with a 27-55 record, 36 games behind first-place Seattle.

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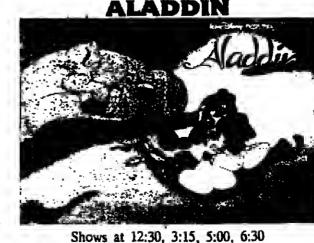
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SARAJEVO (R) — France said Tuesday it will pull 2,500 peacekeeping troops out of the former Yugoslavia by the end of the year as nations increased pressure to end the fighting in

International mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stoltenberg flew to Belgrade Tuesday to discuss a new international peace initiative with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic.

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Russia's special envoy Vitaly Churkin said Monday night af-ter talks with Mr. Milosevic hat carrying out the new peace propression formulated by foreign ministers in Geneva now had

Ministers from Russia, the United States and the European Union called last Friday for a temporary ceasefire and new negotiations to start within weeks.

But there has been little sign of progress with the war in its third year and hundreds of thousands of dead and wound-

ROME (AFP) - Italian

opposition parties united

against Prime Minister Silvio

Berlusconi's political program-

me Tuesday, heightening the

critical vote of confidence in

Senate Monday, conceding what he called "legitimate con-

cerns" over the presence of

five neo-fascists in his cabinet

but pledging his right-wing coalition would adhere to Ita-

But be was still eight voices

Mr. Berlusconi was said to

be hoping for backing from

some of Italy's life senators

after one of them, FIAT Pres-

idnet Gianni Agnelli,

announced he would support

Mr. Berlusconi because be had

outlined a "good" economic

short of an absolute majority

of the 324 senators one day

ly's democratic structures.

before the vote.

the Senate Wednesday, in the Senate Wednesday,

United Nations officials are trying to arrange a meeting of Serb and Muslim commanders to discuss the truce.

The Serbs and Muslims have bnoth raised objections, the Muslims saying a four-month truce would be too long and the Serbs saying it is too short, and have stepped up fighting.

Exasperated French leaders, trying to force a start to the peace process, said they had aiready started withdrawing French troops out of the former Yugoslavia.

"We have started the process of withdrawing a number of battalions... Before the end of the year there will be about 2,500 fewer French soldiers in former Yagoslavia," " Defence Minister Francois Leotard told Europe 1 radio.

France's 6,000 peacekeeping troops in former Yugoslavia form the largest contingent in the U.N. Protection Force. Britain has also hinted it may recall its troops if the

But barring a last-minute

change, the media-tycoon-

turned-politician appeared un-

likely to win over his main

target, members of the Popular

Party, the former Christian

Democrats who were Italy's

long-time rulers until their cre-

parties to the conflict refuse to make peace.

French Prime . Minister Edouard Balladur said last week that France would have to consider withdrawing unless all major powers committed themselves to a peace settlement in Bosnia.

The French statements were widely seen as an attempt to put pressure on the United States, which sees the Muslims as the aggrieved party, and the Muslim-led Bosnian government to accept a ceasefire and

an ethnic carve-up of Bosnia. U.N. officials said in Zagreb that France had not told them of its intention to withdraw some 2,500 peacekeeping

Mr. Leotard said France had already begun withdrawing battalions out of Glina in the Serb-controlled Krajina region in Croatia and the Muslim pocket of Bihac in northern

A U.N. spokesman said the

should not be linked necessari-

ly to a major pull-out. Under the peace plan, the Bosnian Serbs would get 49 per cent of the former Yugoslav republic — they now hold more than two-thirds - and a new Muslim-Croat federation

European Union foreign ministers Monday backed the new drive for peace as the only realistic chance to end the war. Fresh fighting around the northern city of Tuzia cast a shadow on international efforts

to restart the peace process. The Serb reported their forces bad retaken much of the territory lost to the Muslims in five days of fighting that cost both sides many casualties.

Tuzia came under renewed shelling Monday. Two rounds within metres of children while they were playing. But none were hurt. The city and surrounding districts have been hit by nearly 40 shells in



His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday receives . a delegation from north and south Palestine

which offered condolences over the passing of the late Queen Zein Al Sharaf, the Queen Mother (Petra photo)

King meets delegation from north, south Palestine

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday reiterated Jordan's continued support for the Palestinian people to enable them to regain their rights on their national soil.

"We will continue to support you with all our potentials, acting from the principles and ideas of the Great Arab Revolt," said the king in an address to a Palestine delegation from north and south of Palestine who offered their condolences on the passing of the late Queen Zein Al Sbaraf. the Queen Mother.

King Hussein said that Jordan has "no ambition or objective other than ensuring the

Malawi

takes a

to vote

'holiday'

BLANTYRE (AFP) - Mala-

wians decided to take a holiday

Tuesday as the country held its

first multi-party elections since

independence, set to end three

decades of rule by the aged

long queues of voters grew

outside polling stations in Blantyre, the economic capital of the small southern African nation, and most shops owned

by Asians were closed,

apparently for fear of looting.

sults are announced and we are

assured there is no trouble,"

one storekeeper, Issa Osman,

told AFP as 3.8 million Mala-

wians were called to the polls.

Shops owned by the presi

dent, of state, whose octopus-

like Press Holdings conglomer-

ate controls 30 per cent of

impoverished Malawi's eco-

nomy, were open and un-

not to declare May 17 a public

holiday. Who can work to-

day?" asked civil servant Ben

Phiri, on his way home after

voting in the centre of town.

In Ndiranda, the biggest

Blantyre township perched on

hills overlooking the city,

corwds of voters began arriving

at the schools where the voting

was to take place at 3:00 a.m.

(0100 GMT), three hours be-

No trouble was reported from the polling stations.

Though more than 60 per cent of Malawians are illiter-

ate, many seemed familiar with

the voting procedure after a

referendum last year, which

forced Banda to end the single-

party rule of his Malawi Con-

gress Party (MCP).

fore the polls opened.

"The government blundered

guarded by security police.

We will open after the re-

Offices were deserted as

President Kamuzu Banda.

restoration of the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people" and the establishment of a

just and comprehensive peace acceptable to the future generations.

The Palestinian people, the King said, will continue to receive "our total respect and appreciation for their steadfastness and their endeavours to regain their rights." Referring to Jerusalem, he said that the boly city with its shrines will remain in our hearts and we pledge to work at all levels and with all our might to ensure that it will be for us all."

He stressed that sovereignty over Jerusalem should be only

for God Almighty.
He told the audience, at the

Royal Court, that in Jordan people adhere firmly to their national unity irrespective of origin or place of birth.

The King thanked the de-legation for their visit and their expression of sympathy on the sad occasion. He requested that the delegation members convey his appreciation and thanks to the Palestinian people in the occupied lands.

Head of the delegation Hussein Suleiman praised the historic and leading role of King Hussein, saying that "history will record such a role in letters of gold. The Arab and Islamic nations, including the Palesti-nian people, will not forget that you have been the supporter and defender of its just causes, Mr. Suleiman said.

Shakhrai quits Russian government, warns of unrest

MOSCOW (AFP) - Deputy Prime Minsiter Sergei Shakhrai resigned Tuesday in protest at being replaced in the key post of nationalities minis-ter and warned that Russia was again headed for a period of political upheaval.

The appointment of a new nationalities minister was done without consulting me and therefore I request to be relieved of my duties as deputy prime minister," said Mr. Shakhrai, a moderate reformer who emerged over the past three years as an influential member of President Boris

Yeltsin's camp. Mr. Yeltsin appointed Nikolai Yegorov, the governor of the southern Krasnodar region, as nationalities minister Monday after Mr. Shakhrai failed to make progress in talks with ethnic leaders in the trou-

bled Caucasus region. The resignation Sbakhrai fuelled speculation of a possible falling out between bim and other top presidential

At a press conference, Mr. Shakhrai criticised Mr. Yeltsin's entourage, stating that the 'situation" in the Kremlin "made it impossible to work normally."

He complained that the decision to fire him from the nationalities post, a protfolio which be kept under successive governments since December 1992, was not taken according to normal procedures, but be did not elaborate.

Mr. Shakhrai, 38, warned that a new period of political upheaval was brewing due to the ongoing conflict between the government and the newly-

"In July, there will he major

He also said Mr. Yeltsin

Mr. Shakhrai said his resignation did not mean that his Party of Russian Unity and Accord would join opposition forces in their battle against Mr. Yeltsin.

S. African army steps up

JOHANNESBURG (R) -The South African army stepped up patrols Tuesday in Johanneshurg's East Rand black townships after a meeting of police, military and community leaders to bring peace

"We just want to vote to continue the process of change after the referendum," one voter, Kalonga Stambuli. said. "We don't care who becomes the next president so long as

it's not Banda." Mr. Banda, who officially Violence is one of the urgent turned 89 Saturday but is believed to he at least 93, has led Rwanda with iron-fisted paternalism since independence from Britain in 1964.

He faces three contenders for the presidency - a former aide gone into opposition; Bakili Muluzi of the United Democratic Front, trade unionist Chakufwa Chihana, who spearheaded the campaign for political pluralism in 1992 and is backed by the Alliance for Democracy, and Kamlepe Kalua of the Malawi Democra-

A fifth candidate, Tim Mangwazur of the Malawi National Democratic Party, has pulled out of the presidential race and is fighting only for a parliamentary seat in the general elections taking place alongside the presidential poll. Muluzi is favoured to win.

but political analysts say that he is unlikely to secure an outright majority.

"We should, however, get some indication of who is winning by 12 midnight." Ndir-ande returning officer Esther Msowoya said.

elected parliament and predicted that Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin would be forced ot resign in August.

problems; Rallies, strikes, that will involve the miltiary and the Interior Ministry forces," he said, adding that the insta-bility would lead to the departure of Mr. Chernomyrdin.

would face strong opposition from the legislature in choosing a new prime minister and named three possible candidates to the posts: Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzkhov, Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets or the former chairman of the Security Council, Yuri Sko-

"It could lead to a repeat of last October, but I am an optimist and think this will not happen," he said, referring to the violence that rocked Moscow last year when the military. put down a revolt by anti-Yeltsin leaders of parliament.

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The Monday night meeting was organised to find ways to stabilise the satellite townships where hundreds of people have died in political and criminal violence over the past two

ssues facing President Nelson Mandela's multi-party government of national unity that took office following his inauguration as first black state leader last week.

A weekend massacre of 12 people, lined up and shot in Tokoza township, has been blamed on a power struggle hetween "gangster" members of an African National Congress (ANC) self-defence unit. The ANC and the army said

Tokoza was calm Tuesday, a day after three other bodies were discovered near the house where the 12 were gunned down Friday night. "Tokoza is quiet, hut we are not taking any chances. We

have stepped up patrols and trying to establish communications between warring factions," an army spokesman The ANC set up self-defence

units of young men armed with a variety of weapons at the height of political violence. saying defence was needed against a maister "third force" with connections in the former apartheid security forces.

Men-only workers' hostels occupied by supporters of the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party added to the climate of violence, with frequent hattles between the rival political forces.

The ANC spokesman for the Johannesburg provincial re-gion, Ronnie Mamoepa, said the ANC had appealed for witnesses of the massacre to come forward and was setting up liaison committees between community groups.

The execution-style killings Friday night shook South Africa and the ANC-led government at the end of a largely-peaceful first week in office.

Safety and Security (Police) Minister Sidney Mufamadi said stability and security was a high priority for the government which would issue a policy statement Friday.

"Stability and security are necessary if South Africa wants to take its rightful place in the world community... All of South Africa's development plans depend on the adequate level of personal security.

"Law and order is needed to ensure stability and draw foreign investments." Mr. Mufamadi told reporters.

Police in the country's other violence ridden area, the Zulu heartland of Kwazulu-Natal, said Tuesday at least 16 people bad been killed in political and criminal violence since the start of last weekend.

Independent monitors said a state of emergency in force in the region since March 31 should be maintained until the bloodshed ended.

Charles honours victims of Leningrad siege

ST PETERSBURG, Russia

(R) - Britain's Prince Charles paid tribute Tuesday to the stoical spirit of St Petersburg as he remembered the hundreds of thousands of Russians who perished in the World War II siege of their city. The heir to the British throne, on the second day of a visit to Russia's former imperial capital, laid a wreath at a cemetery containing nearly half a million victims of the 900-day Nazi blockade of Leningrad, as it was then called. The first Russian visit by a top British royal since the 1917 revolution is intended to highlight the need for foreign help to tackle the city's current crisis of economic stagnation, crumbling cultural heritage and rampant crime. But it also has a historical resonance. underlining the end of the cold. war frictions which bitherto precluded such contacts between British royals and the state responsible for the murder of their deposed tsarist relatives, Nicholas 11 and his family, in 1918. The prince has made himself St Petersburg's international champion, using the prestige of his four-day tour to trumpet a "city in peril" campaign for increased cultural tourism and outside investment to revive its for-

Abortion pill to be tested in U.S.

WASHINGTON (R) - Abor-

tion rights activists saw another

goal accomplished with a

breakthrough that will make

the controversial RU 486 abor-

tion pill available to U.S.

women in clinical trials. In a deal that took over a year to negotiate, the French manufacturer of the drug, Roussel Uciaf, announced Monday it was turning over all U.S. patent rights to the New Yorkbased nonprofit Population Council, which will seek a manufacturer. Roussel's patent company, Germany's Hoechst Ag. does a multigle billion-dollar business in the United States, mostly with products unrelated to medicine. A Roussel lawyer declined to comment on fears of a boycott but confirmed the company had been reluctant to enter the politically-charged U.S. aborion arena. Clinical trials for 2,000 women at 12 sites should start in early autumn, and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said approval should come in 15 to 22 months, FDA Commissioner David Kessler told a subcommittee of the House Small Business Committee. "Medical science is finally winning out over politicised science," said subcommittee Chairman Oregon Democrat Ron Wyden. More than 150,000 women have used the so-called abortion pill in France, Sweden and Britain, A similar drug is also widely used in China. Research is also under way to see whether RU 486 can combat a range of diseases, including diabetes. hreast cancer and endometriosis. Though an alternative to surgical abortion, the abortion pill is more complicated than merely popping a pill. Used in the first seven weeks of pregnancy, the procedure involves two types of medication, RU 486 and a Prostaglandin. The

Officially, Indonesia has 263 HIV cases

woman must typically go to the

doctor three times, and be

monitored for side effects in-

cluding excessive bleeding.

JAKARTA (R) — Indonesia said Tuesday ii had 263 HIV cases, but the figures have heen contested by ministers and aid workers who argue the figure could be 200 times high-er. The official Antara News Agency quoted the director general for medical services, Soejoga, as saying Monday that 50 of the 263 people carrying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) had developed the deadly acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Last week Coordinating Minister for Health and Social Services Azwar Anas said that for every certified sufferer, "there could be between 100 to 200 behind every one of them." Indonesia has been preparing measures to combat what it fears may be an epidemic on the scale of regional neighbours, such así Thailand. Soejoga was quoted by Antara as saying in the central Java town of Yogyakarta that all blood donors musi be tested before giving blood, and medical services must monitor known AIDS patients. He did not give details.

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Opposition unites against Berlusconi programme

Mr. Berlusconi, who announced his government last week after his three-party coalition won the March elections, needs the backing for his government from both chambers of parliament. It has a majority in the lower

But the former Christian Democrats in the Senate made it clear that his appeal bad failed to convince them -

either about his programme or his cabinet. The sole dissident in their ranks was Senator Luigi Grillo, who warned his colleagues: "We cannot run the risk of returning to the ballot box. We must allow Berlusconi to win

the vote of confidence - even if it means leaving at the mo-ment of the vote," he aid.

Observers Tuesday suggested his proposal — a technical way to spare Italy's 53rd post-World War II government a vote of no-confidence might provide an easy-out for

The majority in the Senate is calculated on the number of members present for a vote and not on the total 324 sena-

But this still left the senators on the left against the government. They have denounced Mr. Berlusconi's programme as only a list of vague ideas with any concrete proposals for implementation and remain highly suspicious of the neofascist presence.

Berlusconi was thought to have suffered a setback Monday with the defection of Senator Gianfranco Miglio from the Northern League, one of the right-wing coalition partners.

would still give his support - if not whole-hearted — to the prime minister. "When you have to take castor oil, do it quickly and then you don't have time to think about it."

Mr. Miglio said Tuesday he

Analysts Monday had attributed Mr. Miglio's defection to anger at not being nominated to head th · ministry of Institutional Reform in the incoming government.

Mr. Miglio Tuesday accused Northern League chief Umber-to Bossi of having made federalism - the key tenant of the insurgent Northern League -"a simple alibi" to quench his thirst for power and get bis party into the government. Other than the Northern

League, the coalition includes Berlusconi's Forza Italian and the National Alliance of neofascist Gianfranco Fini, Mr. Bossi and Mr. Fini have

warned the senators that if they fail to deliver the confidence vote fresb elections would be staged next month.

Black Sea states form peacekeeping forum

TBILISI (AFP) — Member states of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region meeting in Thilisi Toesday shifted their focus from economic to security issues to try and bring about peace and stability in the trou-

Ostensibly an economic grouping to promote free trade and market reforms, the organisation's 11 members - Turkey, Russia, Ukraine, Romania, Bulgaria, Greece, Albania, Moldova, Georgia, Armemia and Azerbaijan - met in the Georgian capital to try and create "a mechanism for the regulation of the region's many conflicts," according to Sergei Kyiashko, head of the Ukrainian delegation.

The regional peace initiative was discussed under the auspices of the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region's inter-parliamentary Legal and Political Affairs Committee.

Attention was focused in particular on the six year-old conflict over the disputed enclave of Nagorno-Karabakh, situated inside Azerbaijan but inhabited by an Armenian

majority. The head of the Armenian delegation, David Vardanyan, said that "there can be no economic cooperation until there is peace in the region" and stressed that "all possibilities must be used" in attempting to bring peace to the en-

But the head of the Azerbaijani delegation, Mir-Gamza Efendiyev, was more pessimistic, telling AFP: "The CSCE's (Conference for Security and Cooperation in Europe) Minsk Group have spent many

> see how one meeting in Thilisi will solve the conflict." Turkey, which founded the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Region in June 1992, has tried to concentrate the grouping's efforts solely on economic

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But under pressure from other heads of state with immediate security concerns, such as the embattled Geor-gian leader, Eduard Shevardnadze, the organisation has taken on a more political col-

Actual and potential probinclude the dispute between Albania and Serbia over Kosovo, troubled relations between Greece and Turkey, tension between Russia, Moldova, Ukraine and Romania over the self-styled Slave republic of Trans-Dnestr, the tug-of-war between Russian and Ukraine over Crimea, the bloody Kurdish struggle in southeastern Turkey, two separatist con-flicts inside Georgia and the war over Nagorno-Karabakh.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Hassan meets Tunisian ministers

AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Talal Sataan Al Hassan, who is on a visit to Tunisia, Tuesday met with Tunisian Minister of International Cooperation Mohammad Al Ghanoushi and discussed with him means of enhancing Jordanian-Tunisian relations. Mr. Al Hassan also met with Tunisian Minister of National Economy Al Sadeq Rabeh and Culture Minister Al Mangi Bou Sneina for talks on

bilateral relations. Mubarak never called Arafat a "dog," insists PLO

TUNIS (AFP) - The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Tuesday denied press reports that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had called Yasser Arafat a "dog" for delaying the signing of the May 4 self-rule accord with Israel. "It's a lie." the PLO insisted in a statement. Such reports were "part of an orchestrated campaign against the Palestinians and their leadership at a time when the Palestinian national authority is being set up" to run the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho. Relations between Mr. Arafat and Mr. Mnbarak are marked by "respect, trust and brotherly warmth," the organisation said. The Palestinians and Egyptians had "historic links." Israeli and Western newspapers have said Mr. Mubarak lost his temper and called Mr. Arafat a "dog," ordering him to put pen to paper "at once," after the PLO chairman held up a signing ceremony for the launch of Palestinian self-rule.

Wounded U.N. soldier kidnapped in Somalia

NAIROBI (R) - A Nepalese U.N. soldier weunded in an ambush was kidnapped from a Mogadishu hospital by unidentified Somali gunmen, the Red Cross said Tuesday. The soldier was wounded and five other Nepalese peacekeepers were killed Monday while trying to stop fighting between rival Somali clan militias in lawless south Mogadishu.

Russia says traq sanctions should go after trial

MOSCOW (R) - Russia said on Tuesday it viewed positively Iraq's efforts to comply with U.N. demands imposed after the" Guif war and that sanctions against Baghdad should be lifted after the shortest possible trial period. The U.N. commission sent in to disarm Iraq after the war bas been making so-called baseline inspections to set standards and establish basic data by which the commission can determine if Iraq resorts to rebuilding its war machine in the future. Viktor Posuvalyuk, director of the Foreign Ministry's Department of the Middle East and North Africa, told a news briefing Russia regarded positively Baghdad's efforts to comply.

Israeli jets stage mock ralds near Beirut

SIDON, Lebanon (R) — Israeli warplanes staged mock air raids against radical Palestinian bases south of Beirut Tuesday, security sources said. The planes crisscrossed at low altitude over Na'ameh, 15 kilometres south of Beirut. Anti-aircraft machineguns were fired but the planes were not hit, the sources said. Israeli planes launched several raids against bases of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine - General Command on May 10, killing three guerriflas. Israeli artillery shelled a string of villages in South Lebanon overnight, wounding a member of the pro-Syrian Amal group, the

10 children, UNICEF worker killed in Kigall

NAIROBI (AFP) - Ten children and a Rwandan woman working for the U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) were found backed to death in the woman's central Kigali bome, a U.N. spokesman said Tuesday. "Civilians armed with guns, gre-nades and machetes entered the house and backed the victims to death," spokesman Abdul Kabia said by telephone from Kigali. The massacre, which occurred Sunday, was reported to the U.N. Assistance Mission in Rwanda Monday, and U.N. officials went to the scene Tuesday, Mr. Kabia said. Mr. Kabia said it was unclear whether the victims were from the minority Tutsi tribe that has borne the brunt of six weeks of bloodletting in which relief officials estimate between 200,000 and 500,0000 people have been butchered. Five of the victims were the UNICEF employee's children, and the others were children who had sought refuge in her borne near the Belgian school from death squads roaming Kigali's streets, Mr. Kabia

4 killed, 116 hurt in Kabul fighting

KABUL (AFP) - At least four people were killed and 116 were wounded in a four-hour battle between rival Afghan forces fighting for Kabul, hospital sources said Tuesday. Rockets and shells rocked the capital as forces loyal to Afghan President Burhanuddin Rabbani defended their positions against attacking Uzbek troops, a frontline commander said. The pro-Rabbani commander said the Uzbeks launched the attack in Shour Bazar in south Kabul in an abortive attempt to pash toward the city centre, firing a "hail of rockets" in advance of an infantry onslaught. On the outskirts, some 30 kilometres (20 miles) northwest, the pro-Rabbani forces clashed with the troops of Prime Minister Gulbuddin Hek-matyar in Maidan Shahr early Tuesday. A soldier at the Jamhuriat Hospital said an infantry regiment of Mr. Rabbani bad attacked the posts of Mr. Hekmatyar's Hezb-e-Islami faction around Maidan Shahr. "We managed to capture some strategic hills in the area," he said.